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CDP 1-18-0630-A1 (Trinidad Civic Club & Trinidad Rancheria)

FEBRUARY 10, 2023

CORRESPONDENCE

January 3, 2023

Gail Saunders
PO Box 1244
Trinidad, CA 95570

California Coastal Commission
Public Comment: Trinidad Memorial Lighthouse Project
1385 8th Street
Arcata, CA 95521

Dear Commissioners,

My parents, Glenn and Janis Saunders, donated the land where the Trinidad Coastal Land Trust, Trinidad Library, Trinidad Museum and Saunders Park are currently located. This was their vision for the Trinidad community, and with many years of hard work, it came to fruition in their lifetimes. My father was born in 1924 in Trinidad and lived here all his life, except for a few years when he served in WW2.

The intention of the Park was to provide an outdoor space for the citizens and families of Trinidad to enjoy. Unfortunately, the homeless and those with mental illness often frequent the area. Rarely is anyone seen using the bocce ball court, the gazebo or the extra outdoor space for what it was intended.

Evidently, a few have suggested that the Memorial Lighthouse be moved to Saunders Park. My family and I oppose this suggestion for several reasons. I am certain if my parents were still alive today, they would be adamant the Lighthouse should not reside in the Park. Clearly, the Lighthouse should be close to the ocean. Those who have chosen to have their names on the Memorial Wall, where our family has a plaque, did so trusting that they would be remembered near the Lighthouse and the ocean.

The Lighthouse and the Fog Bell should remain together near the sea. The former spot was ideal, but since that cannot be, the second best location is definitely where it currently resides. With the Trinidad Rancheria's amazing support for this project, it is unimaginable that the Lighthouse would be moved once more. The cost alone is mind boggling and not attainable.

The Trinidad Civic Club has raised a substantial amount of money from the community and from families of loved ones engraved on the Memorial Wall, in the hope that the current location would become permanent. As mentioned above, since the Park is currently unkempt and unsafe, the location would prevent families from safely paying their respects, as well as tourists from visiting the lighthouse for the maritime history it preserves.

The location of the Lighthouse in Saunders Park makes no sense for all the aforementioned reasons. It would be an "eye sore" in the Park and placing it there would be devastating for our family and others to view our beloved Memorial Lighthouse in this manner.

Please consider approving the current location of the Lighthouse as its permanent home, so we can put this project behind us and revel in the beauty and history of the new monument, while continuing to honor our loved ones in the manner they would wish to be remembered.

Thank you for your consideration.



Gail Saunders and Family

Public Comment on February 2023 Agenda Item Friday 10a - Application No. 1-18-0630-A1 (Trinidad Civic Club)

amy atkins <jayzmama3@yahoo.com>

Tue 1/31/2023 2:51 PM

To: NorthCoast@Coastal <NorthCoast@coastal.ca.gov>

CA Coastal Commission,

Please accept this email as Public Comment for Application No. 1-18-0630-A1 (Trinidad Civic Club). Since the Trinidad Memorial Lighthouse and Bell were relocated to the Trinidad Harbor on an emergency and temporary basis, the Trinidad Civic Club and Trinidad Rancheria have been working tirelessly to determine an appropriate permanent location for this monument to those lost at sea. The community has repeatedly shown support for the Lighthouse remaining in the Harbor area and the Trinidad Rancheria has graciously offered thier property for this purpose.

I fully support the permaenent location of the Trinidad Memorial Lighthouse and Bell at the Trinidad Rancheria Harbor site and believe that both the Civic Club and the Tribe will contiue to be good stewards and protectors of this meaningful memorial. I urge you to support this project and offer your approval of Application No. 1-18-0630-A1 (Trinidad Civic Club).

Thank you,

Amy Atkins-Kelley

California Coastal Commission

1385 8th Street, Suite 130

Arcata, CA 95521

January 31, 2023

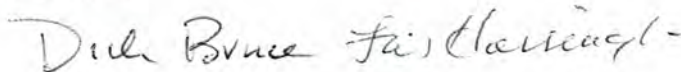
Public Comment: Trinidad Memorial Lighthouse Project (Application No. 1-18-0630-A1)

As residents for 45 years and former business owners in Trinidad we enthusiastically support the Trinidad Civic Club and Trinidad Rancheria's application to permanently place the Trinidad Memorial Lighthouse on land generously provided by the Cher-Ae Heights Community of the Trinidad Rancheria. The Lighthouse and the 1871 Fourth Order Fresnel Lens and the 1898 Fog Bell are historic treasures that need and deserve a permanent home. The location offered by the Trinidad Rancheria, at the foot of Trinidad Head near the harbor, is an ideal spot for future generations of both Trinidad residents and visitors to our community to enjoy this iconic landmark.

Although the proposed location is in an area directly adjacent to both the access road to Trinidad Head and the harbor parking lot (which have already been excavated and/or graded), we fully support the requirement that Cultural Monitors be on site to protect cultural resources. Interestingly, the two major opponents to this project, the Yurok Tribe and the Tsurai Ancestral Society, seem to have conveniently neglected to mention that directly adjacent to the west of the proposed site (and no more than 10-15 yards away) is a relatively recently excavated area containing the new "upslope" leach field for the harbor septic facilities. One would think that if any cultural resources had been found during the installation of this leach field that it would have been noted in the archeological/geological data that have been collected, and that the Yurok Tribe would have presented that information to further their argument that permanent placement of the Memorial Lighthouse would disturb or desecrate cultural resources. Please take this into consideration.

The Trinidad Rancheria is to be commended for their spirit of co-operation and assistance in finding a home for the lighthouse. The cooperation between the Rancheria and the Trinidad Civic Club is a wonderful demonstration of the entire Trinidad community working together for the benefit of all. Please approve the project application.

Respectfully,



Dick Bruce & Lois Harrington

780 Underwood Drive

P.O. Box 1190

Trinidad, CA 95570

**Public Comment February 2023 Agenda Item Friday 10a - Application No. 1-18-0630-A1-
- Trinidad Civic Club.**

Pamela Sowerwine <pamsowerwine@gmail.com>

Wed 2/1/2023 9:20 AM

To: NorthCoast@Coastal <NorthCoast@coastal.ca.gov>

To the California Coastal Commission

The Trinidad Memorial Lighthouse has long been a place of peace and calm, overlooking the ocean where many people have stopped and contemplated the power of the Pacific. For me, it became even more important after my husband, the father of my children, died at sea in a sudden storm on March 12, 1996. It would be the place I would go, or we would go to commemorate his birthday, to talk to him, to find peace that his name was etched on a plaque on the wall along with so many other fishermen and Coast Guard members. When I moved from Humboldt County, it was the last place I stopped. When we visit, it's the first place we go.

Although I loved the location on the top of the bluff, I completely understood and agreed that it needed to be moved rather quickly when stabilizing the bluff took precedence. I feel that the Trinidad Rancheria and Civic Club did an excellent job of finding a location that was still so close to the ocean, still so accessible for those of us who mourn.

Please allow them to make this temporary* a move permanent one. It allows access by everyone who knows and loves someone whose name is on one of the plaques, shows the true risk of commercial fishing, and the true risk of choosing to join the Coast Guard serve our country in its near waters.

The plans the Rancheria and the Civic Club have "to elevate lighthouse on raised concrete foundation with maximum structure height of 25 ft., and to construct concrete wall, steel railing, pedestrian walkway and concrete pedestal to support bell*, two observation benches, historic anchor, lighting, and utility connections" would only enhance the lighthouse. I suspect that the pedestrian walkway will also make it easier for those who are mobility challenged to approach the lighthouse and have their own moments of quiet reflection, whether in mourning, or in tribute to those who lost their lives trying to save others.

*Regarding the bell. You may or may not know this, but when a fisherman is lost at sea, and the fishermen organize a memorial service, it ends with the widow(s)

striking the bell, the only time the bell is sounded. It's important for the bell to join the lighthouse.

Please permit the Rancheria and the Civic Club to complete the important work of moving everything to a safe location still on the ocean where it will be accessible to all.

Thank you,
Pam Sowerwine

**Public Comment February 2023 Agenda Item Friday 10a - Application No. 1-18-0630-A1-
- Trinidad Civic Club.**

Kimberly LeVelle <klevelle@gmail.com>

Wed 2/1/2023 9:31 AM

To: NorthCoast@Coastal <NorthCoast@coastal.ca.gov>

Dear Commission Members

I support the Trinidad Civic Club and Cher-Ae Heights Indian Community of Trinidad Rancheria petition to have the Lighthouse permanently located in the harbor lot as well as supporting the improvements to the area including walkway, foundations, fencing, benches etc. My grandmother was a member of the Trinidad Civic Club and my grandfather was a fisherman in Trinidad. Their names are now on the memorial. The lighthouse is an iconic representation of Trinidad. I am pleased to hear that the Trinidad community is working together to situate the lighthouse. We visited the lighthouse and Trinidad Head with my children (the only LeVelle great-grandchildren!) in March of 2022. I hope that my children can continue to visit this lovely area and appreciate their family history as well as the history of this region.

Sincerely

Kimberly LeVelle (granddaughter of Mary and Philip LeVelle)
Portland, OR

**Public Comment February 2023 Agenda Item Friday 10a - Application No. 1-18-0630-A1-
- Trinidad Civic Club**

Karen Graham <klgraham02@yahoo.com>

Wed 2/1/2023 11:41 AM

To: NorthCoast@Coastal <NorthCoast@coastal.ca.gov>

I am in support of the request by Trinidad Civic Club and Cher-Ae Heights Indian Community of Trinidad Rancheria to amend original permit authorizing in part the temporary placement of Trinidad memorial lighthouse and fog bell in Trinidad Harbor to allow for permanent siting of lighthouse and bell in same location adjacent to harbor parking lot, to elevate lighthouse on raised concrete foundation with maximum structure height of 25 ft., and to construct concrete wall, steel railing, pedestrian walkway and concrete pedestal to support bell, two observation benches, historic anchor, lighting, and utility connections, located in Trinidad. (DC-A)

My parents are buried here and it would be nice to have a permanent structure in that location

Karen Graham

Public Comment February 2023 Agenda

Bonnie Etz <banddetz@gmail.com>

Wed 2/1/2023 12:46 PM

To: NorthCoast@Coastal <NorthCoast@coastal.ca.gov>

To Whom It May Concern,

Please consider approving the permanent installation of The Trinidad Memorial Lighthouse and Bell at it's current location at the Trinidad Rancheria's Harbor location. It is a beloved tribute to all those local residents who are buried or were lost at sea. It will provide an iconic entrance to the harbor area and aid in educating visitors and locals alike to the sea faring history of Trinidad.

Thank you,

Bonnie Etz-Mott
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Trinidad, CA 95570

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- Trinidad Civic Club**

John Shumate <shu@mac.com>

Wed 2/1/2023 1:36 PM

To: NorthCoast@Coastal <NorthCoast@coastal.ca.gov>

Good afternoon,

The Trinidad lighthouse is incredibly important to me and my family. The names of half a dozen family members buried at sea are on the plaques there and I visit them regularly. The Memorial Day Ceremony is also a very important annual trip.

My grandparents moved to Trinidad in the 70s and the town became a hub for all of their kids, grandkids, etc. Even though we lived in Sacramento, a collective month of the year was in Trinidad. The Trinidad lighthouse has been a constant for my entire life. I'm happy its been saved and I look forward to it having a permanant home.

Thank you,

John Shumate

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- Trinidad Civic Club.**

Ray and Sherry Manka <rnsmanka@gmail.com>

Thu 2/2/2023 8:11 AM

To: NorthCoast@Coastal <NorthCoast@coastal.ca.gov>

I would like to see the approval of this item. The Memorial lighthouse monument in Fog Bell are important to the history of Trinidad.

**Public Comment February 2023 Agenda Item Friday 10a - Application No. 1-18-0630-A1-
- Trinidad Civic Club.**

Joel Stratte-McClure <joelsm@me.com>

Wed 2/1/2023 11:50 PM

To: NorthCoast@Coastal <NorthCoast@coastal.ca.gov>

The Stratte Family
1705 Scenic Drive
Trinidad, CA 95570

Dear Members of the California Coastal Commission,

Thank you for considering the request for a permanent and improved siting of the iconic Trinidad Memorial Lighthouse Monument in Trinidad Harbor.

Six members of my family — including my mother, Helen Stratte, who passed just over a year ago at the age of 102 — have been listed on the memorial wall since my father died in 1989.

It is the only family memorial we have and its future existence is extremely important to us. It is our hope that you will issue a construction permit for the location desired by the Trinidad Civic Club and the Cher-Ae Heights Indian Community of Trinidad Rancheria.

Once completed, the Trinidad Memorial Lighthouse Monument will add to, rather than detract from, the natural beauty of our wonderful coast.

Thank you for your consideration and kind regards,

Joel Stratte-McClure & Family

Cc: Kip Stratte-McClure, Dr. Tryg Stratte

**Public Comment February 2023 Agenda Item Friday 10a - Application No. 1-18-0630-A1-
- Trinidad Civic Club**

Martha Davis <marthasuedavis@yahoo.com>

Wed 2/1/2023 5:18 PM

To: NorthCoast@Coastal <NorthCoast@coastal.ca.gov>

I support the proposed current location of the Trinidad Memorial Lighthouse at the Trinidad Harbor.

Nations have their flags, sport teams have their mascots and Trinidad has its Memorial Lighthouse. A friend of mine from Colorado recently sent me a postcard book of northwest coastal lighthouses. What do you think was on its cover? A photograph of the Trinidad Memorial Lighthouse. When people recall their visit to Trinidad, one of the first images that comes up for them is of the Trinidad Memorial Lighthouse. Much of the merchandise sold in Trinidad has our Memorial Lighthouse on it. It appears as an iconic image of Trinidad on the home page of many local organizations and businesses including the City of Trinidad, Trinidad California Tourism and Lodging Association, Trinidad Library, Trinidad Lions Club and Trinidad Civic Club. This would not be the case if it weren't an important symbol for this community as well as its visitors.

To be honest, I'm not big on memorials. Life is for the living. The Trinidad Memorial Lighthouse was built to remember and honor those who were lost at sea or were buried at sea. For me, it is a reminder that life is precious and fleeting. My hope is that when the Trinidad Memorial Lighthouse's foundation is completed in its new location at the base of Trinidad Head between beautiful Trinidad Bay and Trinidad Beach, that it will comfort and inspire those who visit it, as well as invite reflection.

I would have preferred the Trinidad Memorial Light House to have remained in its original location on the bluff overlooking Trinidad Bay. The process that led to the Trinidad Memorial Lighthouse's current location, however, is an important lesson in how years of discussion between people with different points of view can result in a compromise; not a perfect one, but workable. So for me, the Trinidad Memorial Lighthouse has become a symbol of how peaceful compromise can be achieved in a world where compromise is hard to come by.



THE TRINIDAD CIVIC CLUB

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"Serving our community since 1913"

February 2, 2023

California Coastal Commissioners

San Francisco, California

Re: Agenda Item F10a, Application No. 1-18-0630-A1 from Trinidad Civic Club and Trinidad Rancheria to permanently locate the Trinidad Memorial Lighthouse on Trinidad Rancheria harbor property.

Dear Commissioners,

The Trinidad Civic Club is grateful for the California Coastal Commission North Coast District staff recommendation for approval with conditions of the CDP, and for the Commissioners' time to review the project.

The Club respectfully requests the removal of the following Special Condition concerning legal liability in Section II, Standard and Special Conditions, No. 11 on page 10 of the Staff Report:

"Liability for Costs and Attorney's Fees. By acceptance of CDP amendment 1-18-0630-A1, the Permittee agrees to reimburse the California Coastal Commission in full for all Coastal commission costs and attorneys' fees (including (1) those charged by the Office of the Attorney General, and (2) any court costs and attorneys' fees that the Coastal Commission may be required by a court to pay) that the Coastal Commission incurs in connection with the defense of any action brought by a party other than the Applicant/Permittee against the Coastal Commission, its officers, employees, agents, successors and assigns challenging the approval or issuance of this CDP. The Coastal commission retains complete authority to conduct and direct the defense of any such action against the Coastal Commission."

The Trinidad Civic Club is unable to accept this special condition. The Club, founded in 1913, is a small non-profit all volunteer organization "dedicated to community support by enhancing the lives of others through service" as set forth in its Mission Statement.

Taking on legal liability for the Coastal Commission is an onerous demand impossible to realistically perform. The cost for completing the project has gone far beyond anything the Club had envisioned.

The Club's extensive research found that a significant number of CDP applications from 2014 onward were recommended for approval without special liability language in their permits. These included permits for residential dwellings, non-profit organizations, business entities and governmental agencies. When the Trinidad Civic Club's Emergency Permit was approved on February 8, 2019 in Half Moon Bay, the Commissioners were unanimous in agreeing to remove this Special Condition from the Staff Report.

With the support of the residents of Humboldt County and the generous cooperation of co-applicant Cherae Heights Indian Community of the Trinidad Rancheria, the iconic 1949 Memorial Lighthouse and its accompanying historic aids to navigation (the Fourth Order Fresnel Lens and the 1898 two-ton fog bell from the 1871 Trinidad Head lighthouse) will be preserved in perpetuity.

The Trinidad Civic Club urgently requests the removal of Special Condition No. 11 from the staff recommendations. We urge you to consider the Club's special circumstances including limited resources and no legal budget as you deliberate this request.

Best Regards,

Trinidad Civic Club

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- Trinidad Civic Club.**

Linda Adams <lindamarie58@gmail.com>

Thu 2/2/2023 8:11 PM

To: NorthCoast@Coastal <NorthCoast@coastal.ca.gov>

Cc: janwest@suddenlink.net <janwest@suddenlink.net>

To whom it may concern, I am writing to add my support to granting the permit for the permanent location of the Trinidad Memorial Lighthouse at the Trinidad Harbor. Sincerely, Linda O. Adams

**Public Comment February 2023 Agenda Item Friday 10a - Application No. 1-18-0630-A1-
- Trinidad Civic Club**

Matthew Dodge <mattdodge@att.net>

Fri 2/3/2023 6:11 AM

To: NorthCoast@Coastal <NorthCoast@coastal.ca.gov>

To whom it may concern:

As one who has lost three direct relatives (mother, father, brother), all of whom have been buried at sea, two of whom lived in the Trinidad area, I greatly yearn for a specific place which would honor them. The proposed Trinidad Memorial Lighthouse project would offer such place, one where individuals may be able to reflect, remember and rejoice. Such a memorial need be adjacent to the ocean, the final resting place of those so honored.

Please allow this wonderful project approval thus many may find solace and pour their love.

With sincere appreciation,

Matthew Dodge
75 Oceanview Dr
Trinidad, CA 95570

Memorial Lighthouse

Jackie Tidwell <onedogsmama@hotmail.com>

Fri 2/3/2023 10:00 AM

To: NorthCoast@Coastal <NorthCoast@coastal.ca.gov>

submit comment, please copy & paste: NorthCoast@coastal.ca.gov

In the Subject line, please copy & paste: *Public Comment February 2023 Agenda Item Friday 10a - Application No. 1-18-0630-A1-- Trinidad Civic Club.*

Your message of support may include why the Lighthouse project is important to you.

Agenda Information: "Request by Trinidad Civic Club and Cher-Ae Heights Indian Community of Trinidad Rancheria to amend original permit authorizing in part the temporary placement of Trinidad memorial lighthouse and fog bell in Trinidad Harbor to allow for permanent siting of lighthouse and bell in same location adjacent to harbor parking lot, to elevate lighthouse on raised concrete foundation with maximum structure height of 25 ft., and to construct concrete wall, steel railing, pedestrian walkway and concrete pedestal to support bell, two observation benches, historic anchor, lighting, and utility connections, located in Trinidad. (DC-A)"

The Trinidad Civic Club and the Trinidad Rancheria are most grateful for your support of this important project.

Thank you,

This treasured iconic memorial deserves a beautiful and dignified resting place. Please give it one. Jackie Tidwell
Sent from my iPhone

Public Comment February 2023 Agenda Item Friday 10a - Application No. 1-18-0630-A1-
- Trinidad Civic Club.

Ted Pease <ted.pease@gmail.com>

Fri 2/3/2023 10:25 AM

To: NorthCoast@Coastal <NorthCoast@coastal.ca.gov>

Cc: Jan West <tcc@trinidadcivicclub.org>; Dana Hope <danahope1913@gmail.com>

Dear Commissioners:

I am a fulltime permanent resident of Trinidad, and I would like to applaud the Trinidad Civic Club and the Trinidad Rancheria for its collaboration to relocate, save and preserve the Trinidad Memorial Lighthouse. The Rancheria is to be thanked for providing a new waterfront home for the venerable memorial. It is a great addition to the State Beach/Pier area, and a perfect fixture to serve as the entry to the road up Trinidad Head to the real lighthouse.

I support the Memorial's permanent location as planned by the Civic Club and Rancheria.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. Pease', followed by a long horizontal line.

Ted Pease

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707-677-5222; 707-502-5806 cell

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**Public Comment February 2023 Agenda Item Friday 10a - Application No. 1-18-0630-A1-
- Trinidad Civic Club.**

Friedman Mara <stream@newmoonvisions.com>

Fri 2/3/2023 11:02 AM

To: NorthCoast@Coastal <NorthCoast@coastal.ca.gov>

My husband Gus and I strongly support the permanent location of the Trinidad Memorial Lighthouse at the Trinidad Harbor.

We feel that the **Lighthouse Project** is important to our Trinidad community, as well as all of Humboldt County. The Lighthouse Project will be a wonderful place to visit for locals as wells tourists.

Sincerely, Mara Friedman, Big Lagoon

Public Comment February 2023 Agenda Item Friday 10a - Application No. 1-18-0630-A1- - Trinidad Civic Club

Rob and Patti Wilson <rptwilson@sbcglobal.net>

Fri 2/3/2023 11:11 AM

To: NorthCoast@Coastal <NorthCoast@coastal.ca.gov>

To whom it may concern,

My wife and I are current residents of Trinidad, CA and have been since 2015. Prior to that we lived in Redding CA for 30 years. If you're not familiar with Redding, it can get well over 100 degrees for long periods of time during the Summer. Over the years my wife and I along with our young daughter and usually a friend, would travel over to Trinidad area and camp for a few days to get out of the heat and enjoy the beaches and redwoods along with Trinidad's quaint little town.

We would always have to come into town during our stay to get groceries or go to one of the restaurants. We always enjoyed going to Seascope Restaurant down by the pier and look out at the harbor with all of the boats, seals and people walking the pier. One thing we always did was to stop and walk over to the lighthouse, walk down the steps and look at the memorial wall and bell. That was a "must do" when we would come over.

As the years went by and my wife and I were getting near retirement, we had come over to once again camp and enjoy Trinidad. We decided to see if anything was available in the area in regards to houses for sell or property. We looked online and found a piece of raw property up in the Big Lagoon area. We weren't familiar with this area as during the many years of coming over, we just always drove to the Big Lagoon County Park and walked out onto the beach to hunt for agates.

We had never really explored the area and were pleasantly surprised of the little neighborhood beyond the turnoff to go to the Park. As we drove up or south on Roundhouse Creek Rd., we found the lot for sale. Covered with many Spruce and Monterey Pines and various vegetation we could see a small slice of ocean in between two houses in front of the property. Right away we both knew this was it. We purchased the property and went through the many hoops to be able to build our dream house.

We've been permanent residents since May, 2015. We were sad to see that the lighthouse and bell had to be moved from it's location because of foundational issues but were equally glad that it was relocated to it's temporary spot down by Trinidad beach. This area gets a lot of vehicle and foot traffic because of the beach, Trinidad Head which people hike, the pier because of tourists going out on fishing boats, Seascope Restaurant and just walking out onto the pier to view the harbor and the many boats anchored in the bay.

My wife and I believe that keeping the lighthouse and bell at it's current spot and making that it's permanent location would continue to draw hundreds of people a year to the area to be able to see it and read about it's history. Many people as they travel along the coastline, often plan trips to include visiting different lighthouses along the way. This would be no different. Especially if they were to be able to rebuild it to a life size lighthouse as planned. This would only enhance the area more and make it a popular destination for travelers. It would bring in more tourists and thus pump monies into the small little town that would make it continue to thrive and be one of the most beautiful spots in California.

By making this a permanent location will also keep the history intact for future generations to enjoy. So on behalf of my wife and I, we would ask you to please consider making this spot for the lighthouse and bell it's permanent home for everyone to enjoy. It will be well taken care of by members of the community and be a showpiece of our small little quaint town.

Thank you,

Rob & Patti Wilson
Residents of Trinidad

Public Comment February 2023 Agenda Item Triday 10a-Application No. 1-18-0730A1-Trinidad Civic Club

M Tucker <rmtuck@suddenlink.net>

Fri 2/3/2023 12:37 PM

To: NorthCoast@Coastal <NorthCoast@coastal.ca.gov>

I am writing in support of the permanent location of the Trinidad Memorial Lighthouse at the Trinidad Harbor. I have lived in Humboldt County for more than 60 years. The Trinidad Memorial Lighthouse is iconic to the area, and is a fitting tribute to those who have been tragically lost at sea. The original location overlooking Trinidad Bay was beautiful, but I understand that the lighthouse needed to be moved in order to save it from destruction due to earth slippage. It has been in its temporary location long enough and now it is time to set it on its permanent location near the Bay. The Trinidad Civic Club and the Trinidad Rancheria have been working tirelessly toward this effort, and I wholeheartedly support the project.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Marilyn Tucker
988 Diamond Drive
Arcata, CA 95521
(707)822-2145

**Public Comment February 2023 Agenda Item Friday 10a - Application No. 1-18-0630-A1-
- Trinidad Civic Club.**

Don Allan <donallan51@gmail.com>

Fri 2/3/2023 12:38 PM

To: NorthCoast@Coastal <NorthCoast@coastal.ca.gov>

Dear Coastal Commissioners:

The Humboldt Alliance for Responsible Planning (HARP) is an association of individuals living and working in the greater Trinidad area who are dedicated to protecting the quality of life in their area for the present and future generations.

We are pleased to offer our full support for the permanent relocation of the Trinidad Memorial Lighthouse to its present site at the Trinidad Harbor. Since its creation in 1948, it has been an iconic symbol of Trinidad's special place as a deep-water natural harbor used by seagoing vessels of all types from time immemorial. The first lighthouses were undoubtedly simple fires built on the shore to aid boats in navigation at night and during bad visibility weather conditions.

Memorials to those lost at sea are part of the fabric of this country and can be found in most coastal locations on both coasts. The present location of the Memorial Lighthouse is not incompatible with Trinidad Head, because the Head is home to a still working lighthouse.

The Trinidad Civic Club looked for an alternative site to the Memorial Lighthouse's former blufftop location due to slope instability in the area and the Harbor Property was the only suitable one available. The Trinidad Rancheria has graciously made its land available and contributed significant financial support to make the present location permanent. The Memorial Lighthouse fits in perfectly with the working harbor nature of the Trinidad Harbor, and reminds us all of the perils faced by those upon the sea.

Please vote yes on approving this project. Sincerely,

Don Allan

HARP Executive Committee Member, on behalf of HARP

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- Trinidad Civic Club**

Marsha Hughes <marsha93063@yahoo.com>

Fri 2/3/2023 1:49 PM

To: NorthCoast@Coastal <NorthCoast@coastal.ca.gov>

To Whom It May Concern:

As a Trinidad resident, I fully support the permanent location of the Trinidad Memorial Lighthouse at the Trinidad Harbor.

Sincerely,
Marsha Hughes
278 Langford Road
Trinidad, CA. 95570

Sent from my iPad

**Public Comment February 2023 Agenda Item Friday 10a - Application No. 1-18-0630-A1-
- Trinidad Civic Club.**

Diane Cohan <dmcohan53@gmail.com>

Fri 2/3/2023 2:36 PM

To: NorthCoast@Coastal <NorthCoast@coastal.ca.gov>

I fully support permanent location of the Trinidad Memorial Lighthouse at the Trinidad Harbor. The communal effort of the Trinidad Civic Club and the Cher-Ae Heights Indian Community of Trinidad Rancheria speaks volumes towards working together with our coastal community and the Trinidad Rancheria.

To: California Coastal Commission

From: The Blue Lake Museum Society, P.O. Box 707, Blue Lake, California 95525

Re: Trinidad Memorial Lighthouse Relocation Construction Permit: SUPPORT

Date: February 3, 2023

Dear Coastal Commission Members and Chair:

The Blue Lake Museum Society and its sister organization, the Wha-Nika Women's Club, are writing in support of the construction permit to permanently place the Trinidad Memorial Lighthouse and fog bell Monument in its current location at Trinidad Harbor.

The Blue Lake Museum is a local historic museum for Blue Lake and areas throughout the Mad River valley. We help to preserve the history of the North Coast and educate the public about the history of the railroad, logging, and timber operations, and the families of the Mad River Valley. Its Society was organized in 1980, as a community improvement project of the Wha-Nika Womens' Club founded in 1908.

Trinidad, with its long fishing and maritime traditions is a critical part of the history of the North Coast.

We believe in the importance of preservation and conservation of the Memorial Lighthouse, because it has been historically and culturally significant since its construction. It honors all of those who have been lost at sea- fishermen, Coast Guard personnel, and pilots- in our rugged coastal waters since 1949.

Even though we are not in Trinidad, its Memorial Lighthouse represents the historic fabric for all of the North Coast of California. We strongly support the co-applicants: the Trinidad Civic Club and the Trinidad Rancheria in their efforts to gain approval of the construction permit to build the Memorial Lighthouse Monument in its current location.

Thus we respectfully request that you approve the application.

Sincerely,

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RE: CDP Amendment Application No. 1-18-0630-A1, Trinidad Memorial Lighthouse Project

Aiy-ye-kwee' California Coastal Commissioners, Mr. Coyne, Ms. Gedik, and Ms. Kraemer,

The Yurok Tribe is writing with regard to the Trinidad Civic Club and Cher-Ae Heights Indian Community of the Trinidad Rancheria ("Applicants") Coastal Development Permit Application No.1-18-0630-A1 to construct the Trinidad Memorial Lighthouse ("Application"). The Tribe has several concerns with the additional information provided by the Applicants and the Coastal Commission Staff Report dated January 26, 2023 ("Staff Report"). The Tribe urges the Commission to consider the impacts of this proposed development to a highly sensitive coastal area and Yurok Tribal Cultural Resources as grounds for denying the Application or directly working with the Yurok Tribe to find suitable permit conditions.

I. Cultural Resource Concerns are Not Adequately Addressed in the Permit

The Yurok Tribe disagrees with the claim that the project will not directly impact Yurok Tribal Cultural Resources ("TCRs"). Aside from the potential excavation of cultural resources, there will be significant aesthetic and visual impacts from construction of a wider and taller lighthouse in a location that is one tenth a mile away from a TCR (Chue-rey Village). The memorial lighthouse will also feature lights, benches, and sidewalks that were not previously apart of the landscape. Events such as memorial services will also have significant impacts on Yurok Tribal member access to TCRs. The current location of the project was meant to be temporary. The Yurok Tribe would not have agreed to the harbor as a permanent location, especially if the Yurok Tribe knew that the project would include additions such as lighting and increased square footage and height. For ground disturbing activities the Staff Report suggests that one cultural monitor from either the Yurok Tribe, the Trinidad Rancheria, or Tsurai Ancestral Society be present. However, this condition is not enough to constitute mitigation of a significant impact to cultural resources under

Section 30244 of the Coastal Act and Title 14, Division 6, Chapter 3 of the California Code of Regulations “(CEQA Guidelines”).¹ For any ground disturbing activities, a cultural monitor should already be present as an appropriate mitigation required by CEQA § 21084.3.² It is important to note that appropriate mitigation measures for tribal cultural resources differ from those for archaeological resources. If the lead agency determines that a project may have a significant adverse impact on a tribal cultural resource, consultation with the relevant tribal government should be conducted to identify necessary mitigation measures. The Yurok Tribe has raised the concern that its cultural monitors are not present for projects within the City of Trinidad with the City and the Commission in government-to-government consultation. This condition can thus hardly be characterized as an “additional precaution” in this situation. Instead, the Yurok Tribe requests that a cultural resources report be completed by the Yurok Tribe prior to the Commission issuing a decision on the Application.

The Yurok Tribe requests that a cultural resources report be conducted by the Yurok Tribe prior to the Commission’s decision regarding the Application. If the cultural resources report shows impacts to Yurok Tribe TCPs, the project must be denied under CEQA Section 21084.³ The Applicants incorrectly claim that a single, one-page letter from the Trinidad Rancheria Tribal Historic Preservation Officer following the relocation process satisfies requirements for cultural monitoring and reporting for this development. A Cultural Resources Report is in depth and records not only archeological resources but also impacts to sacred sites, landscapes and Traditional Cultural Properties and TCRs, all of which are present within the harbor property. A full assessment has not been done for the project that adequately addresses the effects of the project or meets the needs of federal, state, or tribal standards. The studies cited in the Staff Report were completed without input from the Yurok Tribe and are based on largely inaccurate information. These studies also focus only on archaeological resources and do not address the visual and aesthetic impacts to TCRs, sacred sites, and sacred landscapes. The Tribe disagrees with the finding that there is no impact to TCRs in the Initial Impact Assessment prepared by Analytical Environmental Services.⁴ Until comprehensive assessments have been made by the Yurok Tribe, the Application cannot move forward.

II. The Applicants Provided Incorrect Information in the Application

The Applicants provided incorrect information to the Coastal Commission in their letter and subsequent packet dated January 6, 2023. On page 26 of the packet, the Applicants misstated Rosie Clayburn's title as “public relations officer,” even though Ms. Clayburn has never been a public

¹ Tribal cultural resources, defined in Section 21074 of the California Public Resources Code, are considered as a factor that would potentially be affected a this project leading to a determination that a project would have a significant effect on the environment. Cal. Code Regs. tit. 14, § Div. 6 Ch. 3 App. G. The Yurok Tribe maintains that this project does not fall under an CEQA exemption as detailed in its letter to the Trinidad City Council dated February 25, 2022.

² Public agencies must, when feasible, avoid damaging effects to any tribal cultural resource. Pub. Res. Code § 21084.3 (a).

³ “[A] project that may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource, as specified in Section 21084.1, shall not be exempted from this division pursuant to subdivision (a).” Cal. Pub. Res. Code § 21084. Applicants have acknowledged that there are TCRs as defined by Public Resources Code 5024 in the vicinity of the project area.

⁴ Pp 3-32 – 3-33.

relations officer. The co-applicants also falsely claim that no cultural concerns were raised during the charrette, disrespectfully inserting candid photographs of Rosie Clayburn, Councilmember Toby Vanlandingham, and Vice Chair Frankie Myers as evidence of no cultural concerns from the Yurok Tribe. Unfortunately, this type of action is consistent with the Trinidad Civic Club and the City of Trinidad's history of disregarding consultation and engagement with the Yurok Tribe, treating it as a mere formality in pursuit of their own objectives. The Yurok Tribe has continued to raise concerns about the location of the lighthouse prior to 2021. During the 2018 relocation to the temporary site the Yurok Tribal members protested the impacts of the lighthouse to the Chue-rey Village and Trinidad Head. If anything, the pictures included in the packet demonstrate that there was no support for the Harbor location from the Yurok Tribe because the Yurok Tribe participants are shown providing positive feedback for the State Park location and negative feedback for the Trinidad Head, with no feedback given regarding the Harbor.

It is unclear whether the Applicants provided all the information that was requested by the Coastal Commission on July 1, 2022.⁵ The Yurok Tribe was not able to find detailed descriptions and maps of each potential location for the lighthouse in the Application. The Applicants also made no effort to communicate with the Yurok Tribe to provide accurate information about the cultural resources in these areas.

III. Saunders Park is a Viable Location for the Lighthouse

As the development of the lighthouse in the harbor area raises significant concerns, the Yurok Tribe strongly encourages the relocation of the lighthouse to Saunders Park or another location with less negative impacts. Saunders Park meets all seven criteria identified during the charrette and its location would not impact tribal cultural resources or the coastal viewshed protected by the Coastal Act. The Applicants as well as members of the Trinidad community have claimed that Saunders Park has recently deteriorated and is being used by people who are unhoused. This provides further justification for building a memorial lighthouse there, as it could help re-establish the park as a gathering place for the Trinidad community.

The Tribe finds it disingenuous that the Applicants claim the underground heating system on the Saunders Park parcel causes challenges for development. In several places throughout the Application the Applicants claim that there will be minimal ground disturbance in this development.⁶ Yet they are now claiming that development would be significant enough to impact a heating system that is 100 to 400 feet underground. The lack of clarity on this development at this stage is concerning and the Tribe would like to see more information provided by the Applicants to demonstrate the scope of the proposed ground disturbance.

⁵ See letter from Coastal Commission "Coastal Development Permit (CDP) Amendment Application No. 1-18-0630-A1, requesting approval for improvements for the permanent establishment of the Trinidad Memorial Lighthouse and its Bell at its current temporary site within Trinidad Harbor (APN 042-071-08)," July 1, 2022, p. 2-3.

⁶ "Ground disturbance needed for the relocation of the TML and Bell has already occurred, was monitored by a Tribal cultural monitor, and no archaeological resources were discovered." Additional Information letter from Applicants, January 6, 2023, p. 44.

IV. As Submitted the Application is not Consistent with the Coastal Act

The lighthouse development raises concerns for coastal erosion, road safety, and violations of the Coastal Act. This area of the proposed development is a highly scenic area. The co-applicants failed to address issues such as public transit plan, parking management, and increased use of coastal roads and trailheads. These may lead to violations of sections 30252 and 30253 of the Coastal Act.⁷ The lighthouse is taller and closer to Trinidad Head than its previous location and is likely to cause more traffic, both vehicle and foot traffic, in an already crowded area. A crowded parking lot and monument that may lead to “safety issues”⁸ would restrict public access, particularly for Yurok Tribal members trying to access Trinidad Head and other TCRs. While the Applicants claim that the lighthouse will not be a location for events such as the Memorial Service in May until a decade later, the construction of the new lighthouse structure will cause increased traffic and potential erosion of roads. Additionally, the visual of the lighthouse memorial would have permanent negative impacts on the highly scenic viewshed and the Yurok Tribe's access to cultural sites.

The current location of the lighthouse was always meant to be temporary. The Yurok Tribe would never have agreed to the current location, so close in proximity to TCRs, if it were meant to be a permanent fixture in the harbor. While there are already visual and aesthetic impacts from the current lighthouse, those impacts would significantly increase in making this a permanent and more elaborate site that draws a greater number of visitors. The Trinidad Rancheria has stated their intentions to advance the development of the harbor, and the development of a lighthouse memorial appears to be a progression towards that goal. It is reasonable for the Yurok Tribe to anticipate that this project may bring additional adverse effects that could jeopardize their cultural resources and landscapes.

⁷ The location and amount of new development should maintain and enhance public access to the coast by (1) facilitating the provision or extension of transit service, (2) providing commercial facilities within or adjoining residential development or in other areas that will minimize the use of coastal access roads, (3) providing nonautomobile circulation within the development, (4) providing adequate parking facilities or providing substitute means of serving the development with public transportation, (5) assuring the potential for public transit for high intensity uses such as high-rise office buildings, and by (6) assuring that the recreational needs of new residents will not overload nearby coastal recreation areas by correlating the amount of development with local park acquisition and development plans with the provision of onsite recreational facilities to serve the new development. Cal. Pub. Res. Code § 30252 (West). New development shall do all of the following:

- (a) Minimize risks to life and property in areas of high geologic, flood, and fire hazard.
- (b) Assure stability and structural integrity, and neither create nor contribute significantly to erosion, geologic instability, or destruction of the site or surrounding area or in any way require the construction of protective devices that would substantially alter natural landforms along bluffs and cliffs.
- (c) Be consistent with requirements imposed by an air pollution control district or the State Air Resources Board as to each particular development.
- (d) Minimize energy consumption and vehicle miles traveled.
- (e) Where appropriate, protect special communities and neighborhoods that, because of their unique characteristics, are popular visitor destination points for recreational uses. Cal. Pub. Res. Code § 30253 (West)

⁸ “The co-applicants are cognizant of safety issues that might arise due to proximity to the road and are consulting with the engineer regarding possible solutions.” Additional Information letter from Applicants, January 6, 2023, p. 29.

The Yurok Tribe urges the Coastal Commission to seek more information on alternative locations such as Saunders Park or to deny the permit Application due to concerns for this Yurok cultural landscape and increased traffic to a sensitive coastal zone. The Tribe also requests that a Cultural Resources Report be conducted by its Cultural Department staff before the Application moves forward. Thank you for your consideration of these important issues.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joseph L. James". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Joseph" being the most prominent.

Joseph L. James
Yurok Tribe Chairman

Cc: City Planner; City of Trinidad Planning Commission; Trinidad Civic Club; City Manager; Russel Gans; Julianne Polanco, State Historic Preservation Officer; Cher-Ae Heights Indian Community of the Trinidad Rancheria



Cher-Ae Heights Indian Community of the Trinidad Rancheria



February 3, 2023

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RE: Agenda Item F10a, Application No. 1-18-0630-A1 from Trinidad Civic Club and Trinidad Rancheria to permanently locate the Trinidad Memorial Lighthouse on Trinidad Rancheria harbor property.

Dear Commissioners,

Please accept this letter on behalf of the Cher-Ae Heights Indian Community of the Trinidad Rancheria (Trinidad Rancheria). The Trinidad Rancheria is appreciative of the North Coast District staff recommendation for approval with conditions of Application No. 1-18-0630-A1 and thank you for your time to review this important project.

The Trinidad Rancheria and the Trinidad Civic Club respectfully requests the removal of the following Special Condition concerning legal liability in Section II, Standard and Special Conditions, No. 11 on page 10 of the Staff Report:

"Liability for Costs and Attorney's Fees. By acceptance of CDP amendment 1-18-0630-A1, the Permittee agrees to reimburse the California Coastal Commission in full for all Coastal commission costs and attorneys' fees (including (1) those charged by the Office of the Attorney General, and (2) any court costs and attorneys' fees that the Coastal Commission may be required by a court to pay) that the Coastal Commission incurs in connection with the defense of any action brought by a party other than the Applicant/Permittee against the Coastal Commission, its officers, employees, agents, successors and assigns challenging the approval or issuance of this CDP. The Coastal commission retains complete authority to conduct and direct the defense of any such action against the Coastal Commission."

The Trinidad Rancheria is a small, disadvantaged Tribe on the Northern California coast and assuming the legal liability for the Coastal Commission is a burdensome requirement and would be difficult for the Tribe to perform. As a 501(c)(3) non-profit and volunteer operated organization, the Trinidad Civic Club would also not be able to assume such legal liability. In addition, when the Project's Emergency Permit was approved on February 8, 2019, Commissioners were unanimous in agreeing to remove this Special Condition from the Staff Report.



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The Trinidad Rancheria and Trinidad Civic Club request the removal of Special Condition No. 11 from the staff recommendations and urge you to consider our unique circumstances and limited resources as you deliberate this request.

Thank you for your time and consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Garth Sundberg". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Garth Sundberg
Tribal Chairman
Trinidad Rancheria

**Public Comment February 2023 Agenda Item Friday 10a - Application No. 1-18-0630-A1
Trinidad Civic Club.**

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The Trinidad Memorial Lighthouse and Fog Bell hold great historical and cultural significance to the Trinidad Civic Club and Cher-Ae Heights Indian Community of Trinidad Rancheria. The lighthouse has served as a beacon of hope and guidance to the seafarers navigating the waters of Trinidad Harbor for generations. The permanent placement of the lighthouse and bell will help preserve this vital piece of history for future generations.

The elevated concrete foundation and the construction of the concrete wall, steel railing, pedestrian walkway, and concrete pedestal will not only enhance the visual appeal of the harbor but also provide a safe and accessible location for visitors to view the lighthouse and fog bell. Adding the historical anchor, lighting, and utility connections will help bring the lighthouse back to its original glory and make it a vibrant part of Trinidad's cultural and historical landscape.

The Trinidad Memorial Lighthouse project is essential to me because it represents Trinidad's deep-rooted cultural heritage and traditions. The lighthouse symbolizes the strong ties the Trinidad community has with its maritime history and the sea. By permanently locating the lighthouse in the harbor, we are preserving a piece of history that tells the story of Trinidad and its people. This project will also allow visitors to learn about Trinidad's history and relationship with the sea.

In conclusion, I strongly support the permanent location of the Trinidad Memorial Lighthouse and Fog Bell in Trinidad Harbor. This project will not only preserve the cultural heritage of Trinidad but also provide a unique and educational experience for visitors. I hope that the Trinidad Civic Club and Trinidad Rancheria will receive the support they need to bring this vital project to fruition.

Supporter,
Eon Alexis
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**Public Comment February 2023 Agenda Item Friday 10a - Application No. 1-18-0630-A1-
- Trinidad Civic Club**

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The Trinidad Lions Club supports the permanent location of the Trinidad Memorial Lighthouse at the Trinidad Harbor! While we would prefer it be located in its original location, we understand that due to geological issues it needed to be moved to a safer permanent home.

Sincerely,
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