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RE: August 7th CCC Mtg, Agenda Item 6e – Informational Briefing on Hollister Ranch Coastal Access Program (KH/SC/LL-SF) – Request for Tribal Access

Dear Chair Hart and Esteemed Commissioners,

I am writing on behalf of the Northern Chumash Tribal Council (NCTC) to formally request that we be granted Tribal Access to Hollister Ranch. As the descendants of the original inhabitants of the Central Coast, we hold a deep cultural, spiritual, and historical connection to this land. Our access to Hollister Ranch is vital for the preservation of our cultural heritage and the continuation of traditional practices that have been integral to our way of life for centuries.

Hollister Ranch is situated within an area of significant cultural importance to the Northern Chumash Tribal Council. Access to this land would enable us to engage in traditional ceremonies, cultural practices, and educational activities that are essential for maintaining our cultural identity. These activities not only preserve our heritage but also contribute to broader conservation efforts, as traditional practices often include the sustainable management of natural resources.

We are committed to working collaboratively with the California Coastal Commission and other stakeholders to ensure that any access arrangements granted to us respect the natural environment and the interests of all parties involved. Thank you for your attention to this important matter. We look forward to the opportunity to discuss this request further and extend our appreciation to you for providing us the opportunity to request Tribal Access.

Sincerely,

Violet Sage Walker

Chairwoman, Northern Chumash Tribal Council