



The Land & Water Company

July 10, 1991

Dr. Roger Wolk
#28 Malibu Colony Drive
Malibu, CA. 90265

Re: 5 Space Parking Lot to Serve Escondido Beach, Malibu

Dear Mr. Wolk:

Per your request, I have conducted an inquiry to determine if the County of Los Angeles Department of Harbors and Beaches would be willing to accept the responsibility for maintaining the above noted parking facility.

I first contacted Mr. Gill Cohn, Planner (213-305-9538), who works under the direction of Mr. Larry Charness, Planning Director for the Department of Harbors and Beaches. Mr. Cohn made it clear that the Department would not be accepting the responsibility for maintaining any additional accessways in Malibu. In regard to the parking facility, it was his opinion that the County would only accept operation of the facility if requested to do so by the City of Malibu on a paid contractual basis. He directed me to speak with Mr. Bob Dean, Supervising Contract Monitor (213-305-9599). Mr. Dean reviews and makes recommendations to the Department as to the feasibility of operating parking concessions and other public facilities.

Mr. Dean stated that it was the County's position to examine each project on it's own merits and to provide for services for public facilities at a minimal cost to local jurisdictions. To do this local jurisdictions only pay a small cost of actually operating a facility. For example the County's costs to operate all the public beaches and accessways costs in Malibu is \$3.552 million. The County is reimbursed through parking permits and fees \$.75 million. County tax payers pick up the difference and the City of Malibu pays nothing. There does not appear to be money in the City budget to change this status.

He then stated that within an incorporated city the County could only consider operating additional facilities if requested to do so by the local jurisdiction. This would have to be on a contractual basis because of the high costs of operating existing facilities. It was his opinion that the County would never accept the responsibility for five isolated parking spaces in Malibu. The greatest problem and cost associated with parking facilities is crime prevention and liability. All County parking facilities

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are gated and patrolled to minimize these problems. The County is not structured to accept these responsibilities for a small parking facility in this location.

If you have any questions regarding this information please don't hesitate to call. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to be of service.

Sincerely,

The Land & Water Company



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