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VIA U.S. MAIL

Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 11th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612
Attn: Marcia Grimm

Re: California Public Records Act Request

Dear Ms. Grimm:

This law office represents Lechuza Villas West, L.P., which was the prior owner of sixteen (16) beachfront, vacant lots located in Malibu, and more specifically described as “Lots 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155 and 156, inclusive, of Malibu Encinal Tract No. 10630 as per Map recorded in Book 181, Pages 6-11 of the County Recorder of the Los Angeles County” (collectively, the “Lechuza Property”). The Coastal Conservancy (the “Conservancy”) acquired the Lechuza Property in or about 2001 in the name of the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority. The purpose of this correspondence is to request on behalf of our client that the Conservancy provide our office with copies of all of the Conservancy’s documents relating to the property referenced above, pursuant to the California Public Records Act (“CPRA”), Government Code §6250 et seq.

Per the CPRA, we hereby request that the Conservancy provide us with copies of all the Conservancy’s writings, as defined in Government Code §6252(f) (including, but not limited to, correspondence, reports, spreadsheets, analyses, negotiations, studies, notes, agreements, plans, and findings), related to the Lechuza Property. Government Code §6253(b) provides that:

“Except with respect to public records exempt from disclosure by express provisions of law, each state or local agency, upon a request for a copy of records that reasonably describes an identifiable record or records, shall make the records promptly available...”

The Conservancy is a “local agency” per Government Code §6252(b) and the documents requested by this correspondence fall under the definitions of “public records” and “writings” contained in Government Code §§6252(e) and (f).

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Pursuant to Government Code §6253(c), we expect a response to this request within ten (10) days from the date of this letter. As always, please do not hesitate to contact me at any time with any questions or comments you may have.

Sincerely,

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