

EXHIBIT 5: Letters of Support

STATE OF CALIFORNIA – THE RESOURCES AGENCY

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Marc Beyeler
State Coastal Conservancy
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Re: La Costa Beach Parcel Acquisition

Dear Mr. Beyeler:

As Manager of the California Coastal Commission's statewide Public Access Program, I urge the Board to authorize acquisition of this vacant beachfront parcel in Malibu. State purchase of this piece of La Costa Beach will significantly enhance public access opportunities. Currently there is no public vertical access to La Costa Beach and lateral access from up and down coast is extremely difficult due to development and topography. Therefore this one-half mile of beach is almost inaccessible to the general public and is primarily exclusively used by the beachfront homeowners and the members of the private La Costa Beach Club. The proposed acquisition will expand public ownership at the western end of the beach, as this acquisition parcel is directly adjacent to a Conservancy owned parcel. When the Conservancy constructs access improvements and opens the adjacent vacant parcel for general public use and combines it with the proposed acquisition parcel, about 500 ft. of shoreline will be available for public use. State ownership of these two vacant contiguous beachfront parcels, one obtained through a Coastal Commission permit condition, will expand public recreational opportunities by ensuring that this stretch of beach is forever protected for public use. It will also protect and enhance visual access to the coast, in an area where private residential development blocks public views from PCH to the shoreline.

This acquisition proposal is consistent with the City of Malibu's LCP, in that it will expand and enhance beach recreational opportunities (Land Use Policy 2.1) and is consistent the Specific Vertical Accessway Standards (Policy 2.86) for La Costa Beach which requires vertical access every 1000 ft. and requires that the Conservancy parcel at 21704 PCH be improved and opened for public use. Acquisition of the property is also consistent with the Coastal Act as visual access and general public access will be protected and provided.

Therefore, I urge the Board of the Coastal Conservancy to authorize purchase of this key vacant parcel. Opening the property for public use will further both the Commission and the Conservancy's Joint Access Program goals of providing additional public access opportunities in the City of Malibu, an area that both agencies have identified as being deficient in meeting public recreational needs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Linda Locklin", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Linda Locklin
Coastal Access Program Manager