

COASTAL CONSERVANCY

Staff Recommendation
February 27, 2003

CONSENT ITEMS

File Nos. 03-008, 00-073, 01-139, 03-005, 01-153, 00-037, 02-052,
98-055, 02-101, 02-070, 97-022, 03-012, 00-107, 97-055

STAFF

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends that the State Coastal Conservancy adopt the following Resolution pursuant to Sections 31000 *et seq.* of the Public Resources Code:

“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby:

- i. Authorizes the disbursement of an amount not to exceed fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) to the Yurok Tribe to develop the *Tsurai Village Site Study Area Access Management Plan* for the purposes of evaluating access needs, identifying use conflicts and recommending possible access improvements for the benefit of public access and Native American cultural resource protection; and for repair and maintenance of a portion of the Axel Lindgren Memorial Trail. Prior to the disbursement of any Conservancy funds, the Yurok Tribe shall submit for the review and written approval of the Executive Officer of the Conservancy a final work plan including a final budget, scope of work and schedules, and any contractors to be used in the project.

Staff further recommends that the Conservancy adopt the following findings:

“Based on the accompanying staff report and attached exhibits, the State Coastal Conservancy hereby finds that:

- i. 1. Development of the Tsurai Village Study Area Access Management Plan, and repair of the Axel Lingdgren Memorial Trail, are consistent with the purposes of Chapter 9 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code and the Conservancy’s authority under Section 31111 to award grant for planning and feasibility studies to implement those purposes; with the purposes of the conservation easement held by the Conservancy, to preserve public access and protect the Native American cultural resources and scenic value of the Tsurai Village Study Area; and

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with the Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines adopted by the Conservancy on January 24, 2002.

2. The proposed project will serve greater than local needs.

STAFF DISCUSSION: These projects are discussed in the following Project Synopses a. through n.

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Project Synopsis i.
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TSURAI VILLAGE STUDY AREA ACCESS MANAGEMENT PLAN

File No. 02-101
Project Manager: Su Corbaley

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Authorization to disburse up to \$50,000 to the Yurok Tribe to prepare a master plan for evaluating access needs, identifying use conflicts, and recommending possible access improvements for the benefit of public access and Native American cultural resource protection on the 12.5-acre Tsurai Village Site Study Area in the City of Trinidad, and to repair the lower steps of the Axel Lindgren Memorial Trail on the site.

LOCATION: Tsurai Village is located within the coastal zone on the bluffside overlooking Trinidad Harbor in the town of Trinidad, approximately 20 miles north of Eureka. (Exhibit 1).

PROGRAM CATEGORY: Public Access

ESTIMATED COST:	Coastal Conservancy	\$50,000
	City of Trinidad	1,370
	Tsurai Ancestral Society	<u>2,000</u>
	Total:	\$53,370

The Conservancy's contribution is expected to come from the FY 2000/01 appropriation from the Safe Neighborhoods, Parks, Clean Water, Clean Air and Coastal Protection Bond Fund (Proposition 12) for projects north of the Gualala River.

The total cost to prepare the management plan and trail repair is approximately \$53,370. It is proposed that the Yurok Tribe

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be awarded this grant due to its staff capacity to prepare the plan, and past experience preparing several similar plans. The City of Trinidad (City), which holds title to the property, is a very small community and does not have staff funds to dedicate at the level it would take to complete the project. Likewise, the Tsurai Ancestral Society is a small nonprofit organization with almost no resources available and no experience in planning. Even so, the City of Trinidad and the Tsurai Ancestral Society will contribute some in-kind time to this effort. Additionally, the Tsurai Ancestral Society will contribute a grant of \$2,000.

PROJECT SUMMARY: This authorization would enable the Yurok Tribe, a federally recognized tribe, in consultation with the Tsurai Ancestral Society (descendents of Tsurai Village inhabitants), the City (fee title owner of the property), the Trinidad Rancheria (a nearby property owner), and the Conservancy (conservation easement owner) to prepare a comprehensive management plan for public access, and for scenic, natural, and archeological resources preservation, for the 12.5-acre ancient Tsurai Village Site Study Area in Trinidad. The Tsurai Ancestral Society, Yurok Tribe, and Trinidad Rancheria are required by the City's Policy 69 to be notified of activities affecting the site. The Tsurai Ancestral Society and the Yurok Tribe collectively represent the Yurok people with ancestral affiliation to the village site.

Preparation of the plan will include archive research, public meetings, and evaluation of access needs and how to integrate them into preservation of the cultural resources on the Tsurai Village site. The resulting plan will focus on identifying Tsurai Study area problems and solutions related to access, vegetation management, erosion, looting, and management responsibility, and make recommendations for projects to implement the plan.

This authorization would also enable the Yurok Tribe to repair the steps on the lowest portion of the Axel Lindgren Memorial Trail that provides access from Edwards Street at the top of the bluffs through the site to Indian Beach; the trail has become worn by the battering of harsh winter waves, making the steps at the base loose. In order to keep the trail open and safe for use, and because the planning process can be lengthy, it is necessary to repair the steps before the plan is completed. A more permanent upgrade may be considered during the planning process.

The Yurok Tribe will manage the project in close consultation with the City and the Tsurai Ancestral Society to ensure that all interests are represented in the Plan. The Conservancy holds a conservation easement over the property for the preservation of

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public access and the protection of certain Native American natural and archeological resources and scenic value, and will provide oversight and review of the planning process. Consistent with Policy 69 of the City's General Plan, Trinidad Rancheria has been notified of this process, and has indicated an interest to be kept informed of progress. Rancheria representatives have indicated that its role will be as an observer to the process.

Coastal Yurok inhabited the Tsurai Village (Tsurai is the ancient name for the area) long before Europeans and until 1916, when the last village inhabitant was removed. The village is one of the best-documented coastal Yurok villages and a listed historic site. Tsurai village site represents the largest of the southernmost villages of the Yurok Coastal group known of as *Ner er ner*. The village is below a bluff, where it is protected from the prevailing northern winds. It is approximately 20 feet in elevation above the beach and high tide area (Exhibit 2).

The study area site is approximately bordered at the north by Edwards Street, at the west by a beach trail at Van Wycke Street, at the south by Indian Beach and adjacent to a privately owned parcel. The area covered by the conservation easement extends to the north along Parker Creek at the east edge of the property (Exhibit 3). The property boundaries of the study area are approximate due to being confined by an unclearly defined City of Trinidad right-of-way easement on Edwards Street, a property transfer of the northwest corner of the study area from the City of Trinidad to the Trinidad Civic Club in 1997, an indeterminate western boundary that is defined by a trail, and the continually eroding beach front on the southern side. Additionally, the site has been subjected to cattle grazing, bulldozing, archeological excavation, unauthorized site visitation, looting, excessive bioturbation from rodents, ocean and creek erosion, and failing bluffs. It is currently covered with entangled brush of alder, willow, nettle, and blackberry.

Trinidad, with some of the best weather in Humboldt County and with its vast views to the south along the Humboldt County coastline, is a very popular destination for county residents and tourists. The bluff above the village site with the Trinidad Memorial Lighthouse is a key tourist viewpoint; the Axel Lindgren Memorial Trail adjacent to the lighthouse provides pedestrian access down the bluff, through the study area, to the ocean. The trail adjacent to the village site is heavily used and many trail users, drawn by the allure of the wooded hillside, stray from the path into the sensitive ancient village site. The heavy trail use and resulting frequent forays off the trail are of

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huge concern to the Tsurai Ancestral Society because of disturbance to their heritage site. Yet, the City is obligated to provide public access here. Attempts to balance public access with the protection of the natural and archeological resources have led to conflict between the City and the Tsurai Ancestral Society.

Planning for access and resource management has been difficult at best, due in large part to the vaguely defined Study Area boundaries. The Conservancy is in the process of having an independent survey of the property performed to establish site boundaries on which to base the management decisions. Additionally, these two groups have not always agreed on the use of the site; that disagreement can be resolved through this planning effort by providing a forum for each group to have equal input to the recommendations and plans for the site.

The Conservancy has a long history in Trinidad: In 1979, the Conservancy purchased the 12.5-acre site to protect it for access and open space to hold it until plans for a proposed Trinidad State Park could be completed. The plans for that park were cancelled and in 1989, the Conservancy sold the property to the City for public access and retained ownership of a conservation easement over the entire property for the purposes of preserving scenic value and protecting public access and certain Native American cultural resources. In 1995 the Conservancy funded a trails feasibility study to locate a new trail across the property. In 1997, the Yurok Tribe designed and constructed the new primary trail along an ancient trail that was traditionally used by the Tsurai when they inhabited the village. This 'traditional' trail was renamed the Axel Lindgren Memorial Trail to honor Axel Lindgren, a descendent of the village dwellers, who had for years worked to protect the village site and other areas of Tsurai significance in Trinidad.

Over the years, there have been informal paths 'carved' into and through the village site by hikers meandering off the main trail, often crossing over areas where artifacts are likely to exist. These cut-through paths cause great concern for the preservation of the Native American resources, and are clear indications that there needs to be planned management for access surrounding the site; planning that incorporates articulated provisions for preserving the site and its artifacts.

Much conflict between the City and the Ancestral Society has surrounded the property and the Axel Lindgren Memorial Trail over the years, including city transfer of a small portion of the property to a private party, redesign and placement of the trailhead which has altered the traditional path, efforts to

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protect and the handling of artifacts, vegetation control, signage, and currently city improvements to surrounding and abutting city-owned property.

In order to balance public uses of the trail and beach with the need to protect the cultural resources, the City and the Tsurai Ancestral Society approached the Conservancy for assistance to help plan for site management. The City of Trinidad, the Tsurai Ancestral Society, and the Yurok Tribe have resolved (either by formal resolution or letter of commitment) to participate in the planning process to provide access and protect cultural resources and scenic values.

The proposed Tsurai Village Site Study Area Access Management Plan will help to resolve a longstanding conflict between the Tsurai Ancestral Society and the City of Trinidad by involving each equally and cooperatively to plan for the management of this important coastal resource.

PROJECT SUPPORT: The following individuals and organizations support the project: U.S. Congressman Mike Thompson, Assemblywoman Patty Berg, Senator Wesley Chesbro, former Assemblywoman Virginia Strom-Martin, Humboldt County Supervisor Paul Kirk and Supervisor-elect Jill Geist, Humboldt County Convention and Visitor's Bureau, the City of Trinidad, Trinidad resident Ned Simmons with the Humboldt North Coast Land Trust, and the Trinidad Lions Club. Letters of Support are included in Exhibit 4. Additionally, each of the participating parties has shown their support of the project with resolutions and/or letters of commitment.

CONSISTENCY WITH CONSERVANCY'S

ENABLING LEGISLATION: This project is consistent with the Conservancy's enabling legislation, Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, specifically with Chapter 9 pertaining to public access.

Public Resources Code Section 31400 states the Legislature's intent that the Conservancy have a principal role in the implementation of a system of public accessways to and along the state's coastline. In carrying out that role, the Conservancy is empowered by Section 31400.1 to award grants to public agencies to develop, operate, or manage coastal lands for public access purposes, and by Section 31111 to fund plans and feasibility studies for purposes of implementing a system of public accessways. The proposed project is consistent with this authority since the plan would evaluate the present public access system and identify conflicts with access and resource

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use and protection, serve greater than local needs, and determine appropriate recommendations for access improvements projects that address recreation and coastal resource needs. It would also help to develop, operate and manage the existing access trail by providing funds for stairway repair.

Similarly, under Section 31400.3, the Conservancy may provide such assistance as is required to aid public agencies or nonprofit organizations in establishing a system of public coastal accessways. This proposed authorization would enable the Yurok Tribe to identify and generate access projects, and help ensure that adequate public access is available.

As a federally recognized Indian tribe, the Yurok Tribe qualifies as a public agency eligible to receive Conservancy grants under Section 31017.

CONSISTENCY WITH CONSERVANCY'S PROJECT SELECTION

CRITERIA & GUIDELINES: The proposed project is consistent with the Conservancy's Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines adopted January 24, 2001, in the following respects:

Required Criteria

Promotion of the Conservancy's Statutory Programs and Purposes: As discussed above, the proposed project is consistent with Chapter 9 of the Conservancy's enabling legislation (Division 21 of the Public Resources Code).

Consistency with Purposes of Funding Sources: Funding for this project would come from Proposition 12 funds designated for resource development projects north of the Gualala River.

Support from the Public: See "Project Support" section above.

Location: The project is located in the coastal zone, in the town of Trinidad, approximately 20 miles north of Eureka and, and includes a 12.5-acre area of bluffs, hillside, and beach as well as Native American artifacts from the Tsurai Village.

Need: There exists long-standing conflict between local groups: the City, which has an obligation to provide public access, and the Tsurai Ancestral Society with heritage rights and concerns over the integrity of their ancient site. Without management planning that provides both these groups a forum to equally contribute, little will be accomplished. The proposed project will resolve the communications conflicts, and allow for completion of a plan with all interests addressed.

Greater than Local Interest: Trinidad is a popular destination for locals and tourists who enjoy the beautiful weather and the sweeping views of the coastline, and the natural resources and cultural histories of the north coast of California attract local, regional, national, and international visitors. Developing a management plan will resolve use conflicts on the property while preserving public use and protecting the unique resources present for the benefit of the greater public.

Additional Criteria

Urgency: As discussed, the conflict over site use is deeply rooted and continues to grow. If allowed to go unresolved, the public interest in the property may be lost: access could become overburdened, and the resources needing protecting could be destroyed. Years of minimal management have led to uncontrolled site access that threatens the cultural resources; recent city plans for improvements to abutting property have made apparent the need for immediate and coordinated planning plan for the future uses and reversing damages done.

Time to Completion: It is anticipated that the Tsurai Study Area Management Plan can be completed within 18 months of project startup.

Resolution of more than one issue: This project will resolve longstanding conflicts between the Tsurai Ancestral Society and the City of Trinidad. It will result in protection of cultural resources and scenic values and will improve management of access facilities for the public, and will promote and support coordination and cooperation between the City of Trinidad and the Tsurai Ancestral Society/Yurok descendents of the site.

Readiness: The City of Trinidad, the Tsurai Ancestral Society, and the Yurok Tribe each have contacted the Conservancy in the past, and recently together, for assistance at this site. Several meetings have been held to plan for this project and obtain commitments from each of the three entities to participate wholly in the process; each is ready to begin as soon as project authorization is received.

Realization of Prior Conservancy Goals: The Conservancy acquired this property in order to preserve it for public access and natural and cultural resource protection; it continues to hold a conservation easement to protect these values. Preparing this plan will ensure that the purposes of the easement are upheld, and that there is a consensus in place for the

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management of the property consistent with the easement purposes. And, as discussed earlier, the Conservancy has been very supportive of other access and natural resource projects along the north coast to effect improved access; this project will further the Conservancy's commitment to responsible resource management by addressing the need for responsible access control.

Cooperation: Addressing the management issues for access at the Tsurai Village site in Trinidad is fully supported by the City of Trinidad, the Tsurai Ancestral Society, and the Yurok Tribe, all of which have critical interests in maintaining public use with responsible protection of the resources at the site. Each has committed to cooperate completely in the process.

CONSISTENCY WITH THE COASTAL ACT:

The proposed project is consistent with and will facilitate the implementation of Coastal Act Sections 30210, 30230, and 30240, as discussed below.

Providing access is addressed in Sections 30210 of the Coastal Act which state, respectively “. . . maximum public access, which shall be conspicuously posted, and recreational opportunities shall be provided for all the people consistent with public safety needs and the need to protect public rights, rights of private property owners, and natural resource areas from overuse.”

Sections 30230 of the Coastal Act discuss protection of natural resources and state “resources shall be maintained, enhanced, and where feasible restored.”

Completion of a management plan for the Tsurai Village site will help guide appropriate coastal access improvements and public use by identifying areas in need of special management considerations to maximize public access while protecting fragile coastal and cultural resources.

CONSISTENCY WITH LOCAL COASTAL PROGRAM POLICIES:

Section 3.50.B.1.a. of the *Humboldt County Bay Plan, Trinidad Area Plan* states “(p)ublic agencies or other entities having or accepting responsibility for accessways shall provide support facilities compatible with the character of the land. . . .” Preparing a management plan in concert with the City and the tribal interests will address the needs for and design of access facilities that will be in keeping with their setting and respectful of the lands on which they lie.

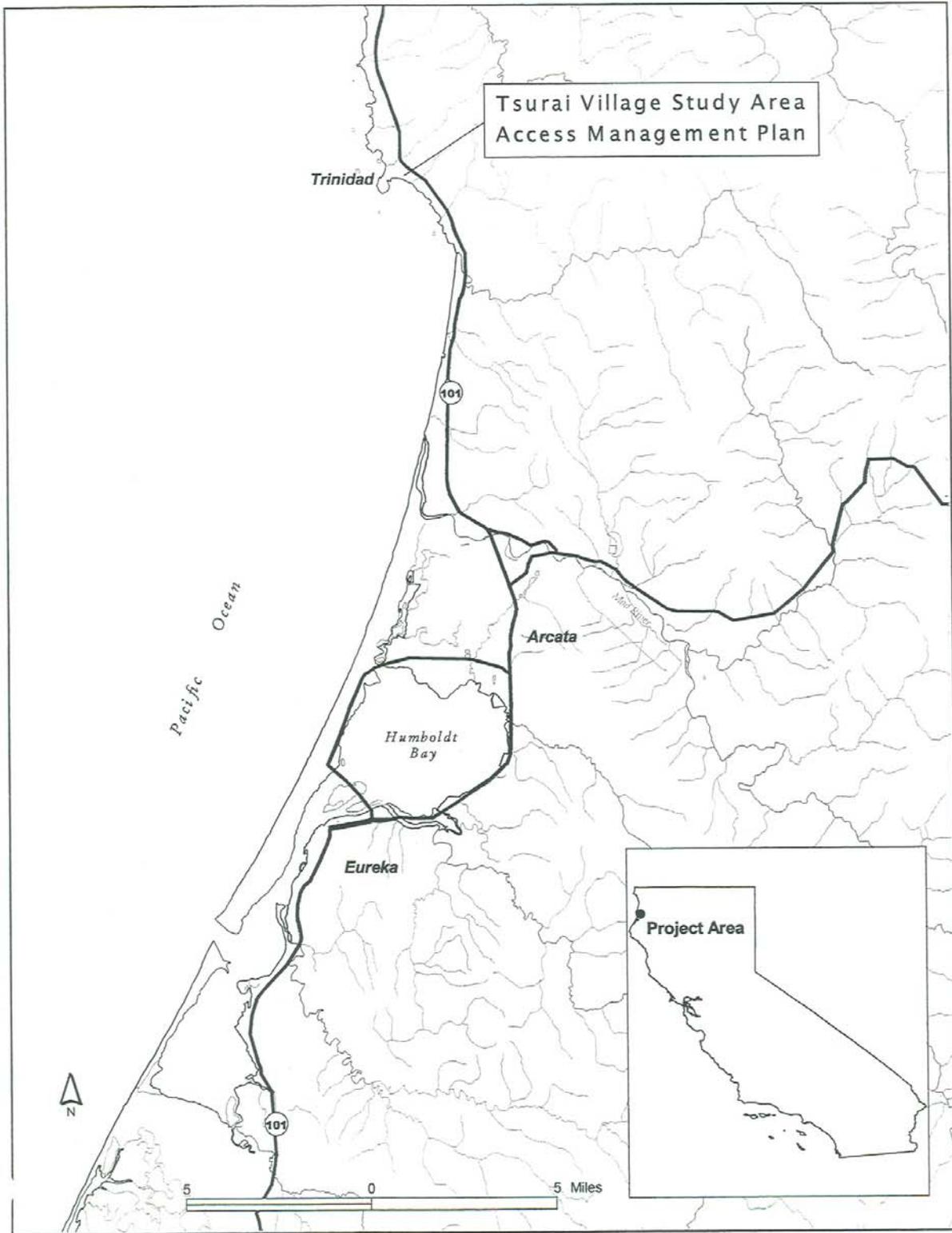
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COMPLIANCE

WITH CEQA: The proposed project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to 14 Cal. Code of Regulations (CCR) Sections 15262 and 15306, in that it involves only feasibility or planning studies and it may include basic data collection and research (neither of which will impact any environmental resource(s)), undertaken as part of a study leading to an action which the Conservancy has not yet approved, adopted, or funded. Pursuant to 14 CCR Section 15301, the repair of the lowest part of the Axel Lindgren Memorial Trail is categorically exempt from CEQA in that it involves maintenance of an existing pedestrian trail. Staff will file a Notice of Exemption upon approval of this project.

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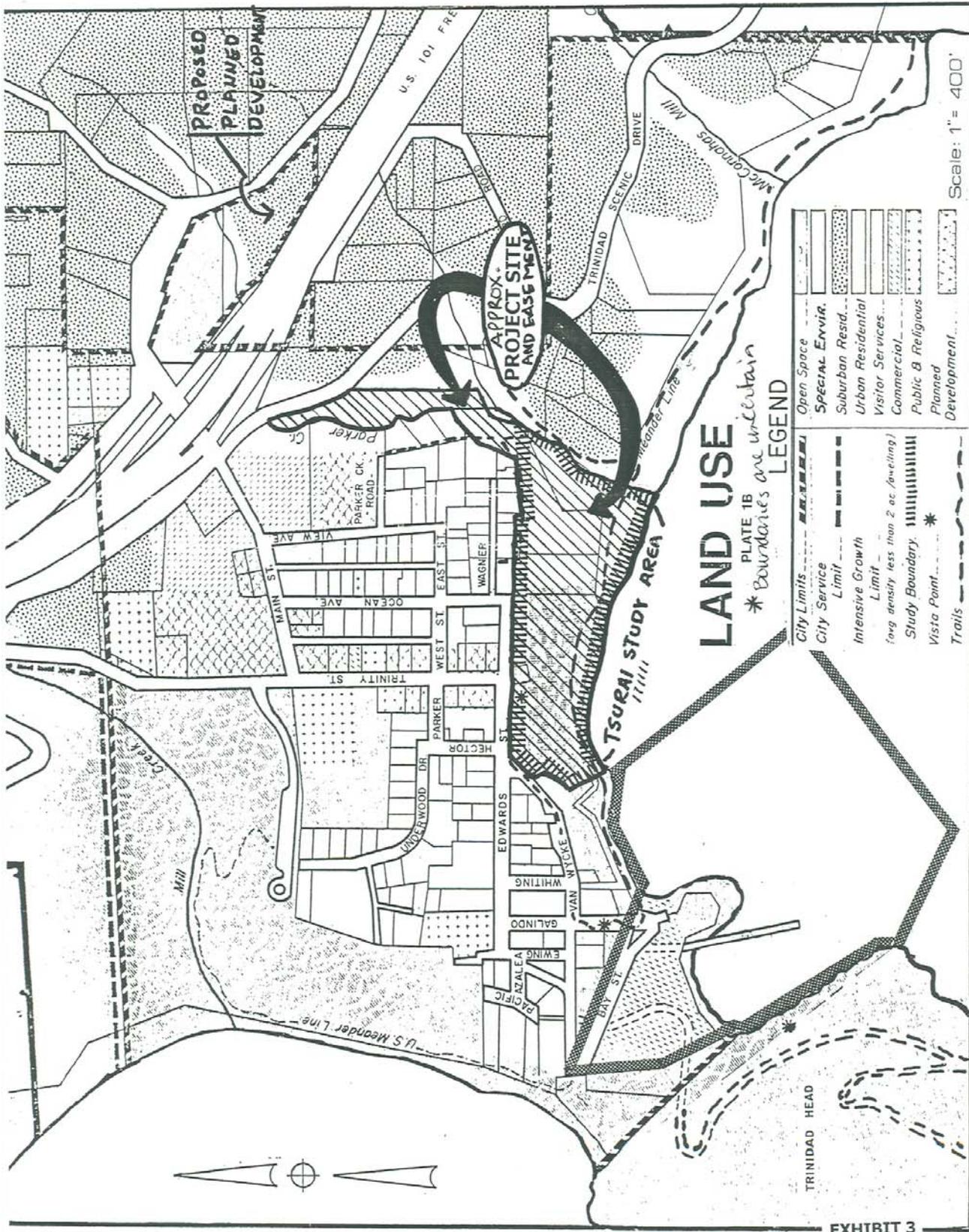
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Letters of Support

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MIKE THOMPSON

1ST DISTRICT, CALIFORNIA

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December 9, 2002

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Paul Morabito, Chair
State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, Floor 11
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

Dear Mr. Morabito:

I am writing to express my support for the City of Trinidad's proposal to develop a management plan for the Tsurai Study Area, a 12.5 acre coastal parcel in Trinidad. The area was deeded to the city of Trinidad by the State of California in 1989 for the purpose of protecting Native American resources and to ensure public access. There is a need for a coordinated effort to protect these important cultural and natural resources.

The City intends to work with the Yurok Tribe, Trinidad Rancheria, the Tsurai Ancestral Society and appropriate state agencies to develop a coordinated management plan for the area. I fully support their efforts and urge the Conservancy to consider the application favorably.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mike Thompson".

MIKE THOMPSON
Member of Congress

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cc: City of Trinidad

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PATTY BERG
ASSEMBLYMEMBER, FIRST DISTRICT

December 10, 2002

Paul Morabito, Chair
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 11th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Morabito:

On behalf of the City of Trinidad and other interested parties, I am writing to support the cooperative working arrangement with the City of Trinidad, Yurok Tribe, Trinidad Rancheria, the Tsurai Ancestral Society, and state agencies to develop a coordinated and effective Management Plan for the Tsurai Study Area.

As you know, the Tsurai Study Area is an important coastal resource for Native Americans as well as the general public. I believe these resources and public access must be managed in a cooperative effort.

Your assistance in this matter is much appreciated.

Sincerely,

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PATTY BERG
Assemblymember, 1st District

Cc: Susan A Corballey, Project Manager
California Coastal Conservancy

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Paul Morabito, Chairman
Attn: Sue Corbaley
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 11th Floor
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Project: Tsurai Village Study Area - Management Plan Development

Dear Mr. Morabito:

I am writing in support of the proposed Tsurai Village Study Area project wherein a Management Plan will be developed which incorporates the involvement of the City of Trinidad, the Tsurai Ancestral Society and the Yurok Tribe.

I appreciate the efforts of the City of Trinidad, the Yurok and the Ancestral Society to work collaboratively in committing to the development of a long term plan for appropriately managing this sensitive and highly significant historical site. I know it is a challenge for each party to incorporate their different perspectives into the project planning and implementation activities. I believe that this level of cooperation will ensure that the site receives the proper attention during the life of the project and beyond.

I am pleased to extend my support for this worthwhile and important project. Please contact my Eureka District office if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

WESLEY CHESBRO
State Senator, 2nd District

cc: City of Trinidad

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November 22, 2002

Dean Heyenga
City of Trinidad
PO Box 390
Trinidad, CA 95570

Dear Mayor Heyenga:

I am writing to show support for a cooperative working arrangement with the City of Trinidad, Yurok Tribe, Trinidad Rancheria, the Tsurai Ancestral Society, and state agencies to develop a coordinated and effective Management Plan for the Tsurai Study Area.

In 1989 the State of California deeded the Tsurai Study Area to the City of Trinidad. The City of Trinidad, as owner of the property, has the duty to protect Native American resources and ensure public access in this area.

I once again support all efforts on behalf of the City of Trinidad, Coastal Conservancy, Yurok Tribe, Tsurai Ancestral Society, Trinidad Rancheria, and the California Coastal Commission, to develop a Management Plan for the Tsurai Study Area.

Sincerely,

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Virginia Strom-Martin
Assemblymember, First District

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December 2, 2002

The Honorable Dean Heyenga
City of Trinidad
P.O. Box 390
Trinidad, CA 95570

Dear Mayor Heyenga and Members of the Council:

As Humboldt County's Fifth District Supervisor, I am pleased to write in support of your efforts in working with other groups and agencies to develop a Management Plan for the Tsurai Study Area. I understand the City of Trinidad's responsibility, as the property owner, to assist in the development and implementation of a Management Plan for the 12.5 acres.

The Tsurai Study Area is an important coastal resource for both Native Americans and the general public. The Indian resources and public access must be managed in a cooperative effort with those agencies and groups directly associated with these aspects of the property.

I support the City of Trinidad's working arrangement with the Yurok Tribe, Trinidad Rancheria, the Tsurai Ancestral Society and state agencies to develop a coordinated and effective Management Plan for the Study Area.

Sincerely,

PAUL KIRK
Fifth District Supervisor

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Jill K. Geist
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December 2, 2002

To Whom It May Concern,

I am urging your support for the grant application submitted by the City of Trinidad. Grant funding will facilitate development of the *Tsuari Study Area Management Plan*.

The Tsuari Study Area is a 12.5-acre natural resource designated coastal resource for Native Americans and is accessible to the general public. Development and implementation of the Plan will serve to 1.) Protect historical Native American resources, and 2.) Maintain public coastal access.

This resource area will facilitate cultural awareness, natural resource protection, educational interpretation and recreational opportunities to the Trinidad community and visitors. I believe this project fits very well with the expressed desires of Trinidad residents and provides for cooperative working opportunity for the City of Trinidad, Yurok Tribe, Trinidad Rancheria, Tsuari Ancestral Society and various state agencies to develop an effective Management Plan.

Ultimately, I believe the Tsuari Study area will serve to inspire and foster individual awareness and a greater understanding of our natural world.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


Jill K. Geist
Humboldt County Supervisor-Elect
Fifth District

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November 21, 2002

City of Trinidad
% Dean Heyenga, Mayor
405 Trinity Street
Trinidad, CA 95570

Dear Mayor Heyenga :

re: Tsurai Study Area

Coastal access and our local Native American history are vital components in our efforts to develop the visitor industry and our tourism economy.

For these reasons, our agency firmly supports the City of Trinidad in their efforts to develop a Management Plan for the 12.5 acres designated as the Tsurai Study Area.

We are hopeful our support will encourage a cooperative working relationship with various Native American groups and the Coastal Conservancy that leads to the long-term benefit of our visitor industry.

Sincerely,

Donald A Leonard
Executive Director

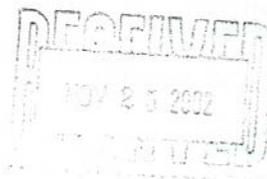


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December 5, 2002

Paul Morabito
Chair, Coastal Conservancy Board of Directors
1330 Broadway
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Morabito:

The City of Trinidad submits to the Board statements of our interest and intent to develop a cooperative Management Plan for the 12.5 coastal acres known as the Tsurai Study Area. The Conservancy deeded this land to Trinidad in 1989 with mandates about two important issues: Native American resources and public access.

The City has been working for nearly two years to move along the Management Plan process, working with local Indian groups and Coastal Conservancy staff. We welcome Su Corbaley's efforts to bring to you the groups' Resolutions and interests in cooperating to manage this unique coastal resource.

As property owner, the City feels a special responsibility to the people of California. The Yurok resources in the Study Area need careful study and protection. Public access to a unique and beautiful coastline must be preserved, but in a manner that does not jeopardize other resources. Managing this area will require cooperation among all agencies involved.

We look forward to participating in the process and expect the Conservancy to play an important role in bringing groups together and funding some of the work to be done. We have submitted letters from community groups and elected officials showing the widespread support for a cooperatively developed Management Plan.

Sincerely,

Dean Heyenga
Mayor

encl: Resolution of the Trinidad City Council, approved unanimously

Letters of support from:

Virginia Strom-Martin, former Assemblymember, First District
Dave Leonard, Executive Director, Humboldt County Convention & Visitors Bureau
Paul Kirk, Fifth District Supervisor
Jill Geist, Fifth District Supervisor-Elect
Ned Simmons, President, Humboldt North Coast Land Trust
Arnie Jensen, President, Trinidad Lions Club

Sent separately: State Senator Wesley Chesbro

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CITY OF TRINIDAD
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DEAR MAYOR HEYENGA:

THE TSURAI STUDY AREA IS AN IMPORTANT SITE FOR NATIVE AMERICANS, ESPECIALLY THE TSURAI ANCESTRAL SOCIETY.

ISUPPORT A COOPERATIVE WORKING ARRANGEMENT WITH THE CITY OF TRINIDAD WITH OTHER GROUPS AND AGENCIES TO DEVELOP A MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE TSURAI STUDY AREA.

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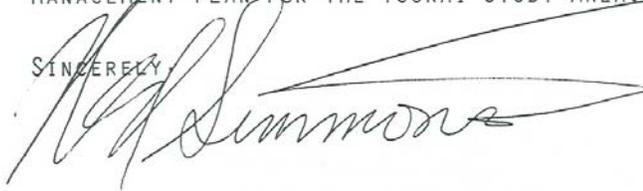
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Trinidad Lions Club
P.O. Box 536
Trinidad, California

"We Serve North of Little River"



November 20, 2002

Mayor Dean Heyenga
PO Box 390
Trinidad, CA 95570

Dear Dean Heyenga,

My name is Arnie Jensen and I am the President of the Trinidad Lions Club. I have lived in Greater Trinidad for about eight years. I support the cooperative working arrangement with the City of Trinidad, Yurok Tribe, Trinidad Rancheria, Tsurai Ancestral Society, and state agencies to develop a coordinated and effective Management Plan for the Study Area. Many of my neighbors are members of these groups and are very proud of their heritage.

The property in the Tsurai Study Area is an important coastal resource for all Americans and especially the Native Americans whose ancestral families have lived in this area for many generations. As the property owner the City has a responsibility to help develop and implement a Management Plan for this area.

Sincerely,


Arnie Jensen, President

Trinidad Lions Club