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May 25, 2023

Coastal Conservancy Grant Program
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RE: Point Arena Light Station

This letter is in support of the grant request submitted to the Coastal Conservancy Grant Program by the Point Arena Lighthouse Keepers Inc. (PALKI) to conduct a technical environmental survey of the sea caves and bluffs around the Lighthouse peninsula.

This project is undertaken to facilitate development of a long-term management plan that addresses coastal erosion and the impacts of sea level rise on the Point Arena Light Station, an internationally known destination.

The plan would assist in providing a guide for maintaining the safe access and function of the 1908 115'-tall Lighthouse Tower, the 1896 Fog Signal Building, and the Lighthouse Keepers Cottages. It would also address the Coast Guard Helipad, radio transmitters, and wi-fi antennas that are critical to public safety in the region.

The 153-year-old Point Arena Light Station is a vital part of the history of Point Arena and Mendocino County and attracts visitors from around the world, creating opportunities for local businesses and the community.

Awarding this study will help protect and preserve the Point Arena Light Station into the future.

Sincerely,

Barbara Burkey
Mayor, City of Point Arena



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May 23, 2023

Coastal Conservancy Grant Program

Re: Point Arena Lighthouse Keepers Inc. Grant Application

I am in support of the grant request submitted to the Coastal Conservancy Grant Program by the Point Arena Lighthouse Keepers Inc. (PALKI) to conduct a technical environmental survey of the sea caves and bluffs around the Lighthouse peninsula. This proposed project will facilitate the development of a long-term management plan that maintains safe access to and function of the 1908 115' tall Lighthouse Tower, 1896 Fog Signal Building, the Coast Guard Helipad, Caltrans radio transmitters, Further Reach Wi-Fi antennas, art installations, and the Lighthouse Keepers Cottages that all sit precariously on the bluff, at risk because of coastal erosion and rising sea levels. The 153-year-old Point Arena Light Station is an important part of Mendocino County's history, is a significant tourist draw for the Mendocino coast, and as such brings significant benefits to the County, Point Arena, and its businesses.

Thank you for considering PALKI's application for this important project, and I urge you to award the grant.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ted Williams".

Ted Williams, 5th District Supervisor
Mendocino County Board of Supervisors