

**Gaviota Coastal Trail
Alliance**



September 8, 2023
California Coastal Conservancy

Re: **September 14, Public Meeting in Healdsburg**
Consent Item 3A, funding for Hollister Ranch Coastal Access Program

Dear Sir or Madame,

I am the chairperson the Gaviota Coastal Trail Alliance that intervned in *Pappas v. State of California* seeking public access to Hollister Ranch.

The Mission of the Alliance is to;

To secure environmentally responsible and socially just public access to beaches along the Gaviota Coast including the establishment of the California Coastal Trail within the sight and sound of the ocean.

Members of the Alliance include;

Gaviota Coast Conservancy,
California Coastal Protection Network,
Santa Barbara County Trails Council,
Coastwalk.

We strongly urge you to provide additional funding for the preparation of the EIR, cultural and tribal resource survey, and property appraisal for the Hollister Ranch Coastal Access Program.

The issue of public access at Hollister Ranch has been festering since 1981 when the California Legislator created the Hollister Ranch Access Program (HRCAP). The opportunity exists to finally establish this access through the HRCAP process. Proper funding for this process will help to insure a comprehensive and environmentally sensitive outcome.

The Alliance will present a plan for the California Coastal Trail through Hollister Ranch for consideration in the EIR and look forward to its robust study.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Philip J. McKenna". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Philip J. McKenna