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Amy Hutzel
Executive Officer
California State Coastal Conservancy
April 16, 2026

Dear Ms. Hutzel,

As the SCC moves toward final authorization for the proposed disbursement of \$1,600,000 to the Watershed Conservation Authority (WCA) for the acquisition of 483 acres at West Coyote Hills, we respectfully urge you to ensure that the grant agreement and associated legal documents explicitly secure the following public benefits, which are essential to the long-term success of this conservation effort:

- **Completion of Recreational Infrastructure:** Explicit commitment to the 8 miles of recreational trails and the 4 to 5 vista park sites some of which provide the public with 360-degree views of the region.
- **Establishment of the Interpretive Center:** Ensuring the planned Interpretive Center is prioritized as a cornerstone for education and community engagement.
- **Endowment for Long-Term Maintenance:** Verification that the maintenance endowments are legally "lock-boxed" to the land transaction, ensuring these public amenities do not become a financial liability for local taxpayers but remain a high-quality resource for generations.

Transparency is paramount for a "major acquisition" of this scale. We trust the SCC will continue to uphold the highest standards of fiduciary oversight.

Thank you for your dedication to preserving California's natural heritage and for your attention to these critical public access components.

Very truly yours,

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