

Addendum
Project Letters for DeHaven Creek Headlands Acquisition

Support Letter for DeHaven Creek Headlands

Grant Application by Westport Village Society to the California State Coastal Conservancy

Douglas Bosco, Chairman September 15, 2022
Governing Board California State Coastal Conservancy
1515 Clay Street, 10th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612-1401
C/O Karyn Gear (Karyn.Gear@scc.ca.gov)

Re: Support for Westport Village Society Grant Application for "DeHaven Creek and Headlands Acquisition Project"

Honorable Chairman Bosco and Governing Board:

I have worked in the Northern Mendocino County on Humboldt Redwoods Interpretive Association coastal projects competitively funded by the Coastal Conservancy at the Sinkyone Wilderness State Park (Needle Rock and Usal Beach) and Northern Mendocino School Communities since 2016. With the recent purchase of the Save The Redwoods League coastal property between Cape Vizcaino and Shady Dell; the purchase and stewardship of the DeHaven Creek and Headlands property will extend public lands from Usal Beach to Westport with only a few short gaps. I purchased my residence in Westport March 2021 and am very impressed with this Village's ability to maintain and improve local community resources for the public. I commit my time and energy to the ongoing support of the land stewardship WVS provides including this project.

I strongly urge you to support the Westport Village Society's Grant Application for the "DeHaven Creek and Headlands Acquisition Project." That grant is essential to preserve a pristine 26-acre oceanfront property about one mile north of Westport, California, guaranteeing future public access and habitat preservation. The property that would be acquired with the grant is a treasure that contains a perennial stream that supports salmonids, a beach, wetlands, headlands, and other resources.

The acreage is a confluence of natural habitats for migrating birds, coastal mammals and aquatic species. It provides the only high tide DeHaven Creek Beach access for visitors, local residents, and tribes who have pursued subsistence and other traditional activities there for millennia. It adjoins Westport Union Landing State Beach's south boundary, offering a chance to extend the California Coastal Trail another half mile south. The WVS has negotiated a purchase agreement that depends on this grant for successful acquisition. They are an experienced land trust and have raised funds in the local community and offers in-kind contributions that will help support the acquisition and reduce planning costs. If this opportunity is missed, the property will remain in private ownership and may be developed, compromising public access, natural habitats and scenic views. It is an investment well worth making for public benefit.

Thank you for considering my perspective.

Sincerely,

Carla S. Thomas, Westport, CA Fulltime Resident and Property Owner

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From: Ginny Wright <gin@mcn.org>
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Subject: Westport Village Society's Grant Application for "DeHaven Creek and Headlands Acquisition Project"

Hello Chairman Douglas Bosco and Governing Board of the California State Coastal Conservancy,

Thank you for your consideration of this project and hopefully your support!

Thank you for coming to Westport on September 21, 2022 to view this treasure and meet with us.

I agree with all of the good reasons that citizens are submitting to you to ask for your support!

One more big thank you for your foresight in preserving this habitat for wildlife and humankind.

With gratitude,

Ginny Wright
Westport resident
37053 Omega Drive