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**April 12, 2016**

Brian Crawford, Director
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Subject: ***Revised Marin County Local Coastal Program Update ("Revised Update")***

Dear Mr. Crawford:

We received Marin County staff's recommendation to the Board of Supervisors on specified portions of the County's Revised Update on April 7, 2016. As you know, County and Coastal Commission staff met three times on issues relating to the draft of this portion of the Revised Update in early March. After those meetings, in a letter to County staff on March 23, 2016, Commission staff identified concerns with the draft of this portion of the Revised Update prepared by County staff and requested changes to that draft. We had hoped to provide additional comments in letter form, but the late availability of the County staff's recommendation, coinciding with North Central Coast district staff's need to prepare for and participate in the Coastal Commission meeting taking place locally in Santa Rosa this week, makes that infeasible.

To the extent that the changes requested in our March 23, 2016 letter have not been incorporated into County staff's recommendation to its Board of Supervisors, Commission staff continues to recommend that the County staff reconsider their position on these points. If the County takes an action on the specified portion of the Revised Update at its April 19, 2016 meeting and submits an integrated Revised Update package to the Commission following Board action on the portion of the Revised Update being considered on April 19, 2016, Coastal Commission staff intends to continue to collaborate with County staff and other interested persons on all remaining contested issues in advance of the Coastal Commission's review of the integrated Revised Update. To the extent that our staffs reach further agreement after April 19 on any portion of the integrated Revised Update, including the portion of the Revised Update being considered on April 19, 2016, such agreement will be reflected in suggested modifications that will be considered by both the Coastal Commission and the County before they can take effect. County acceptance of any suggested modifications adopted by the Coastal Commission will be needed in conjunction with any final action by the Board of Supervisors on all portions of the integrated Revised Update, including the portion of the Revised Update being considered by the Board of Supervisors on April 19, 2016, as well as the portions of the Revised Update previously acted on by the Board of Supervisors.

Finally, we again note that we would prefer to spend more time working with you, your staff, and the interested public to help identify and resolve potential issues before any final Board action, consistent with our best practices for LCP planning. It appears that many issues are just

now being more fully understood, particularly in relation to the revised hazards policies of the LCP, which are dramatically different than what the Coastal Commission approved in 2014, and would benefit from additional discussion, including with respect to full public participation. Given the shortened time frame for review, that is simply not possible. We would support extending your LCP grant contract schedule so that it is more responsive to these emerging issues and the need for such discussion, if that is what the Board ultimately decides. Either way, as indicated, we look forward to continued discussion and collaboration working together to certify an LCP update that can serve to protect and enhance coastal resources in Marin County for many years to come.

Please do not hesitate to contact Shannon Fiala of my staff at (415) 904-5266 or myself at (415) 904-5290 if you have any questions regarding the above comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Nancy Cave".

Nancy Cave
District Manager
North Central Coast District