



# MARIN COUNTY FARM BUREAU

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The Marin County Board of Supervisors  
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Re: Local Coastal Program Amendments: December 11<sup>th</sup>, hearing

Dear President Kinsey and members of the board,

The Marin County Farm Bureau respectfully submits its comments and concerns on the Local Coastal Program Amendments (LCPA). We have a concern about the Proposed California Coastal Trail. On Page 19 of attachment four of the Staff report:

#### **4. California Coastal Trail**

LCPA Policy C-PK-14 supports completion of the California Coastal Trail through Marin County through work with willing sellers or donors and other entities. In the northern part of the County from Tomales to the County line, that policy supports a general route for the Coastal Trail as shown on Map 25 in the LCPA. Furthermore, the policy supports a route for an interim inland bypass, to the extent that it is necessary, to follow Dillon Beach Road and Valley Ford-Franklin School Road, as appropriate. Standards for the acquisition, siting, and design of the trail are provided. Furthermore, Program C-PK-14.a supports continued collaboration with State and federal park agencies, local communities, Caltrans, and other entities to identify gaps in the California Coastal Trail and to propose methods to complete the trail.

The agricultural community appreciates the Planning Commission for moving the proposed trail off of private working ranches. However, we feel the proposed alignment of the coastal trail would be better on Hwy. 1 as compared to Valley-Ford Franklin School Road.

Farm Bureau continues to recommend a proposed alignment along Hwy. 1 from the town of Tomales, north to the Sonoma/Marin County line:

- The Hwy. 1 alignment would have less of an impact on agriculture in both Marin and Sonoma Counties.
- The Hwy. 1 alignment better meets the Coastal Conservancy's goals and principles of completing the CCT route because it provides for more separation of the trail from traffic as it's a wider roadbed with wider shoulders for safety.
- Hwy. 1 is shorter in distance than Valley Ford/Franklin School Road (6.7 vs. 8.5 miles).
- Hwy. 1 has larger open vistas and is more scenic.

- The state-sanctioned Pacific Coast Bike Route runs on Hwy. 1 between Tomales and Bodega Bay, and both Hwy. 1 and the California Coastal Trail are state routes.
- Hwy. 1 is maintained by Caltrans and is kept in better repair than VF/FS Rd.
- Improvements to Hwy. 1, a state route, might qualify for state and federal funding and grants.
- Hwy. 1 is more visible and more easily found and followed on maps, which would help raise public awareness of the CCT.

Sonoma County Farm Bureau and California Farm Bureau Federation also support the Hwy. 1 alignment

We thank you for your time and considerations,



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