February 14, 2006

TO: Hal Brown, President

Susan Adams Charles McGlashan Cynthia Murray

FROM: Steve Kinsey

SUBJECT: First Reading: Bolinas Beach Camping Ordinance. Ordinance

restricting use of Bolinas Beach for camping during weekends.

RECOMMENDATION: Schedule hearing: February 28, 2006, 10:30 a.m.

Dear Colleagues,

As you may be aware, the community of Bolinas has faced increasing visitor pressures, with the most intense and unpleasant impacts being on or near Bolinas Beach. In the past, key problems have been noise from loud parties that last all night, rowdiness and fights requiring the sheriff's intervention, pollution from trash and human waste, and parking congestion. Most of these problems have happened on weekends.

Our board has acted several times in the past to create and update an ordinance banning camping on the beach on weekends, from noon on Friday to noon on Monday. The result has been a significant reduction in problems on the beach. The current ordinance "sunsets" on the second Monday of March, 2006. At this time a committee of the Bolinas Community Public Utility District is considering issues on the beach and has asked that we renew the ordinance for one year, to allow them to deliberate further. It is anticipated that within one year the community will be resolved on objectives for beach management, and will be requesting an ordinance with a longer term.

Please join me one more time in calling for a hearing to renew the ordinance for a single year. The ordinance will be sent to the California Coastal Commission for their review and comment.

FISCAL/STAFFING IMPACT: No impact

REVIEWED BY: [X] County Counsel [X] County Administrator [X] Community Development Agency

Sincerely,

Steve Kinsey

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