

Midcoast Community Council

*An elected Municipal Advisory Council to the
San Mateo County Board of Supervisors
Serving 12,000 coastal residents*

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Re: County of San Mateo Mirada Surf Oceanside Parcel Acquisition
Project Number: LW-41-003

As the elected advisory council to the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors, the MidCoast Community Council represents 12,000 residents of the unincorporated area from north of Half Moon Bay to Devils Slide. We strongly support the acquisition of the West parcel of the Mirada Surf property. This parcel provides access to the adjacent Surfers Beach, which is the best all-around recreational beach on the MidCoast. Beach and blufftop recreational space is at a premium on the MidCoast, and it is constantly under threat by development unless it can be acquired as permanent open space. Although the property has been designated as an important open space and park site since 1976, it remains subject to residential development unless it is acquired by the County.

In addition, the West parcel is the site of a very important segment of the Coastal Trail. Completing this segment would allow our MidCoast cyclists and pedestrians to enjoy a trail from Pillar Point Harbor all the way south to Seymour Street

We appreciate the opportunity to express our support for the State Parks grant for the Mirada Surf acquisition. Our constituents, and visitors to the MidCoast, will greatly benefit from being able to enjoy the varied attractions of the Mirada Surf parcel – wetlands, blufftop views, and safe, improved recreational access to the beach.

Sincerely yours,

Chuck Kozak
Chair,
MidCoast Community Council