

Midcoast Community Council

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San Mateo County Board of Supervisors
Serving 12,000 coastal residents*

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California Coastal Commission
Whale Tale Grant Program

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RE: Save Our Shores Grant Proposal for San Mateo County Beach Clean Up

Dear Commission Grant Committee:

On behalf of the Midcoast Community Council I would like to express our support of Save Our Shores and the excellent work they have done in our North San Mateo coastal area. They are active leaders in our Beach Clean Up activities and the Clean Boating (Dock Walkers) Program in our Harbor. Their Stewardship Program now actively recruits in the Half Moon Bay High School and provides an opportunity for community service for our young adults.

The Midcoast Community Council co-sponsored the recent 3-part Clean Water Education Lecture series in our area that succeeded in informing our community of the government agencies involved in checking for water pollution, the status of our local creek monitoring programs, and the effects of pollution on marine mammals. This lecture series was well attended and was featured in our local papers and the local public service television channel.

Beach debris is a serious problem in our area, since we close to major metropolitan areas. Both the trash that is left locally and that which is washed ashore is unhealthy as well as unsightly. The beach cleanups led by Save Our Shores serve the dual purpose of removing the waste and classifying it for input into research databases.

Save our Shores provides an invaluable service to our community through their education programs and beach clean ups. We heartily endorse their work and their mission and ask for your support in their efforts.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Laura Stein
Chair