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Here's a revised/shortened/more focused version of my earlier diatribe - I apologize for the earlier heated comments directed at your paper and staff, but I get upset when I see well meaning people attacked out of misunderstanding because a story is not reported clearly.

I appreciate your taking the time to deal with this matter and giving me the space to clarify the story. Thanks for your concern and patience.

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Editor, HMB Review:

I would like to clarify the article headlined "Coast councils join forces to deliver message" that appeared in the August 9th edition of the Review. From the headline alone, the reader would gather there was a formal effort by the MidCoast Community Council (MCCC) and the Pescadero Municipal Advisory Council (PMAC) to form a coalition at the PMAC meeting of August 3rd, and a particularly confusing typo in the third paragraph almost makes it sound as if Mr. Jim Marsh and Mr. David Spiselman of the MCCC were involved in the presentation on the merits of the Tunnel Alternative to Devil's Slide. Mr Marsh's comments, quoted further in the article are not specified as to in what context they were made; the impression is that they were made at the meeting while acting as a representatives of the MCCC.

It is important to realize what really happened. I, as a representative of the Committee for Permanent Repair of Highway 1 (CPR1, a MidCoast citizen's group involved with the Devil's Slide issue), was invited by the PMAC to give a presentation on the situation at Devil's Slide. I was also asked if I could extend an invitation to MCCC members who might be interested in coming along and seeing the other group in session. I brought up this invitation during the public comment section of the July 12th MCCC meeting, at which time Mr. Spiselman indicated his interest in attending. I also made it very clear what I was going to present to the PMAC, and that the MCCC would not be connected with that presentation. Mr. Marsh, as I understand it, was invited separately by a friend of his in Pescadero and asked to car-pool with us.

At the meeting, I gave a presentation about Devil's Slide, the proposed bypass, and the Tunnei Alternative. I mentioned that the MCCC and the Pacifica City Council had passed resolutions asking the Board of Supervisors to seriously study the Tunnel Alternative. And I asked the PMAC to consider passing a similar resolution, as a coastal local control issue, in support of their neighbors to the north, and because if the bypass <u>is</u> ever constructed, we would all be moving down to Pescadero, and they might not want that. The idea of the two councils working together on common issues was brought up in the ensuing discussion (a logical thought and one I would cetainly encourage); no surprise to anyone on the unincorporated coast who's had to deal with Redwood City. And that was the extent of it; a public discussion of the concept.

At no time during the presentation or the discussion did Mr. Marsh or Mr. Spiselman make any comment purporting to represent the MCCC on this issue. The meeting is on audio tape and may be obtained from the PMAC. The printed and announced agendas of the meeting clearly stated that the "Special Focus" item on Devil's Slide was being presented by CPR1. The comments of Mr. Marsh and Mr. Spiselman quoted in the article were made in discussion with the reporter outside the community center AFTER we had left the meeting.

Misled by the tone of the article, several MidCoast residents worried about misrepresentation by the MCCC and possible Brown Act violations. There have been complaints to the County authorities. As a result, the MCCC and the PMAC may need to go through a County investigation to prove what I've stated here. I believe the Review should be careful about how it reports such actions so that misunderstandings like this may be avoided in the future.

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