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President Don Horsley and Members  
San Mateo County Board of Supervisors  
400 County Center  
Redwood City, CA 94063

Re: Item #7 - June 6, 2017 Agenda - Amendment of Development Agreement with Big Wave

Dear President Don Horsley and Members of the Board of Supervisors,

By this letter I wish to express the Sierra Club's opposition to this amendment. After years of speaking to and then appealing the Big Wave project to your board and thence to the Coastal Commission we dropped our intention to further appeal upon participating in County and Coastal Commission sponsored discussions that led to modified conditions between the developer and the County. In our view this proposed amendment clearly violates the spirit of that compromise agreement which specified building the housing for developmentally disabled people before beginning commercial build out.

There are many of our members who have long opposed Big Wave because the housing component looked like a cynical tool for achieving a massive business objective in an environmentally unsuitable place. This proposed amendment now boldly highlights this suspicion as well as calling into question the sincerity of the compromise agreement. We herein ask the Board to stand firmly against further "workarounds" and to resolve in continued support of the compromise agreement.

Sincerely,

Ken King  
Chair of the Coastal Issues Committee

Cc: Bruce Rienzo, Chair, Sierra Club Loma Prieta Chapter (SCLP)  
Mike Ferreira, Chair, SCLP Conservation Committee  
James Eggers, SCLP Executive Director  
All Members, SCLP Executive Committee