Midcoast Community Council

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Date: September 10, 2013

To: Jim Eggemeyer, Director, Planning & Building

Steve Monowitz, Deputy Director, Planning & Building

Subject: Beach Floodlights at Moss Beach Distillery and Miramar Beach Restaurant

We would like to inquire about permit status and conditions related to the roof-mounted floodlights that shine out over the ocean from Moss Beach Distillery (140 Beach Way) and Miramar Beach Restaurant (131 Mirada Rd).

As a result of public awareness due to online petition to La Costanera Restaurant this past summer, the MCC has been receiving requests from the community to look into this issue.

LCP Policy 8.18 (a) Development Design requires that "Exterior lighting shall be limited to the minimum necessary for safety. All lighting, exterior and interior, must be placed, designed and shielded so as to confine direct rays to the parcel where the lighting is located." These very large floodlights clearly do not comply with this policy. Lighting of the beach and ocean can be a hazard for avian species, particularly migrating birds.

Thank you for your assistance.