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Board of Supervisors, Third District
County of San Mateo

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Mary Shallenberger, Chair
California Coastal Commission
45 Fremont Street, Suit 2000
San Francisco, CA 94105

Re: Coastal Development Permit (CDP) Waiver 2-13-0318

Dear Chair Shallenberger,

As the supervisor representing the San Mateo County Coastside, I submit this letter of support for the staff recommendation to approve a CDP to allow the San Mateo County Harbor District to dredge the Pillar Point Harbor. With only one of the six launching ramps available during low tide and two of the six launching ramps available during high tide, the importance of this project is growing exponentially. Until all six launching ramps are opened, San Mateo County residents and visitors to the coastside lose recreational opportunities at the harbor.

I ask that the commission consider an additional condition beyond those currently proposed:

The applicant shall locate alternative disposal sites and determine the feasibility of depositing the spoils at the selected site. Once an alternative site has been located, the applicant shall apply for the necessary permits for future dredging projects. Within the current project area there are multiple locations that would benefit, both environmentally and recreationally, from the deposit of the spoils dredged from the harbor. The current disposal site, Perched Beach, has been used for the dredged spoils twice in the past. This has increased the slope of the sand, making recreational activities difficult. As this site is used for a third time, it will become more difficult to use recreationally. Disposal of the spoils at another site would not only prevent further damage to Perched Beach, but the dredged spoils could be beneficial to other sites.

If you have any questions, please contact my office at 650-363-4569. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Signature on file

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