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 Mr. Carl Holm
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Dear Mr. Holm,

As a Director of the CPOA, I strongly support the 2/2/09 letter Michael Caplin authored on behalf of the Big Sur Community re: The General Plan's DEIR does not apply to the Coastal Zone.

Surely this was the intention of the new General Plan, as adopted January 3, 2007, which was designed to avoid conflicts with the County's four local coastal land use plans.

DEIR pages 4.1-19 and 20 state "The four adopted local coastal land use plans contained in the existing 1982 Monterey County General Plan **will not be amended as part of the 2007 General Plan**. The 2007 General Plan's goals and policies have been developed with the LCPs in mind and **do not contain any provisions that would conflict** with the four adopted local coastal plans."

The Plan expressly states the intent to not change coastal plans. 2007 General Plan, Introduction, section 1.5.d., pages vi and viii. "The County is **not amending** the Local Coastal Program as part of this 2006 General Plan. The County will review the LCP after adoption of the 2007 General Plan Update." (emphasis added.)

2007 General Plan, Introduction, section 1.5.d., page viii states that "In accordance with the state Coastal Act, this approach recognizes that the coastal zone is a distinct and valuable natural resource **which requires unique planning considerations and may require different standards and policies**" and must be free to vary from other portions of the Plan." (emphasis added.)



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We respectfully request that the specific language (below), proposed on page 4 of the Caplin letter, be incorporated into the EIR.

“This policy shall not apply within Monterey County's coastal zone. This policy was recommended as a mitigation measure to address environmental impacts caused by the 2007 General Plan (as adopted January 3, 2007). The 2007 General Plan does not change Monterey County's Local Coastal Program, and environmental impacts in Monterey County's coastal zone were not analyzed as part of the 2007 General Plan environmental review.”

“Further, maps in the DEIR must be changed to exclude coastal areas as these areas are not part of the project and are not properly included in the DEIR CEQA analysis.”

Sincerely,

Via email

Robert M. Carver