

## Item 6g - Exhibit 3: Letters of Support



July 9, 2018

City Council

John Laird, Chair  
California Ocean Protection Council  
1416 Ninth Street, Suite 1311  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Neal Andrews, Mayor  
Matt LaVere, Deputy Mayor  
Cheryl Heitmann, Councilmember  
James L. Monahan, Councilmember  
Erik Nasarenko, Councilmember  
Mike Tracy, Councilmember  
Christy Weir, Councilmember

RE: Surfers' Point Project

Dear Chair Laird:

I am writing in support of grant funding to complete final planning, design, and engineering for the second phase of the Surfers' Point Living Shoreline and Managed Retreat Project.

The City of Ventura has been working closely with the Ventura County Fairgrounds who is the underlying landowner of the property and other project partners for a number of years on the Surfers Point Managed Retreat Project.

The project provides important multiple benefits, including 'managed 'retreat' of vulnerable public facilities, and installation 'living shoreline' treatments, including beach and dune habitats.

The initial phase of the demonstration project has proven to be highly successful. This grant funding will provide critical support to complete final tasks to installation of the phase two project elements, moving public access and parking facilities out of harm's way, and restoring and enhancing cobble, beach, and dune natural systems.

We support this demonstration project as an important example and resilient 'proof of concept' which other coastal communities in California could use and model to develop their own local and regional projects.

Grant funding from the Ocean Protection Council is essential to timely project completion. thank you for your consideration of grant funding of this project that is of coastwise and statewide importance.

Sincerely,

Christy Weir  
Councilmember  
City of Ventura



***Surfrider Foundation***

Ventura County Chapter

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California Ocean Protection Council  
1416 Ninth Street, Suite 1311,  
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**RE: Surfers' Point Managed Shoreline Retreat Project**

Dear Chair Laird:

I am writing in support of BEACON's request for Proposition 1 grant funding from the Ocean Protection Council to complete final planning, design, and engineering for the second phase of the Surfers' Point Living Shoreline and Managed Retreat Project.

The Surfrider Foundation has been working closely with the other project partners since 1995 on the Surfers Point Managed Shoreline Retreat Project. Phase 1 of the project was constructed in 2010-2011 and has become a national model for shoreline management in response to coastal erosion and sea level rise. With the successful implementation of the first phase, the stakeholders now endeavor to complete the project to realize full project benefits.

Grant funding from the Ocean Protection Council is essential to timely project completion. Thank you for your consideration of grant funding of this project that is of state and national importance.

Sincerely,

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July 10, 2018

John Laird, Secretary for Natural Resources  
Chair, California Ocean Protection Council  
California Resources Agency  
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Sacramento, CA 95814  
*Sent via email: COPCpublic@resources.ca.gov*

RE: Support for Surfers' Point Living Shoreline and Managed Retreat Project

Dear Secretary Laird and Councilmembers,

I am writing in support of the Ocean Protection Council's consideration and approval of Prop 1 grant funding to complete final planning, design and engineering for the second phase of the Surfers' Point Living Shoreline and Managed Retreat Project.

The Coastal Conservancy has been involved as a member of the working group for the Surfers' Point project for over two decades. We helped to shape a sustainable solution to the severe erosion problem threatening the beach and public access facilities, and provided funding for implementation of the first phase of the project. The first phase has proven to be highly successful in preserving sandy beach area, moving public access resources out of harm's way, restoring dune habitat and providing shoreline protection along a highly used part of the coast.

This project will serve as an important example of resilience that other coastal communities in California could use as a model to develop their own local and regional adaptation projects. This grant funding will provide essential and timely support to complete final tasks needed to move forward with implementation of the second and final phase.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Samuel Schuchat".

Samuel Schuchat  
Executive Officer

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