



# *Surfrider Foundation*

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July 9, 2018

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

**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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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 coastwide and statewide importance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Christy Weir".

Christy Weir  
Councilmember  
City of Ventura



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July 14, 2018

RE: Surfers' Point Project

Dear Chair Laird:

As the Ventura County Supervisor whose district encompasses the grant project area, I am writing in strong support of grant funding from the Ocean Protection Council. This grant will complete final planning, design, and engineering for the second phase of the Surfers' Point Living Shoreline and Managed Retreat Project.

As a resident of the City of Ventura I am acutely aware of the efforts of the City, NGO project partners and the underlying landowner the Ventura County Fairgrounds to reclaim and enhance one of the most popular public spaces in Ventura County.

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

The initial phase of the demonstration project has proven to be highly successful. There are several planning and design issues, importantly centered around fairgrounds access and public parking, that need to be addressed in the proposed planning and engineering evaluation to satisfy both the public's need for shoreline access and the Fairgrounds need to provide adequate parking facilities for its operations.

I 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,

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Supervisor, First District

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July 23, 2018

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*Sent via electronic mail to: [COPCpublic@resources.ca.gov](mailto:COPCpublic@resources.ca.gov)*

**RE: Item 6: Consideration of Authorization to Disburse Proposition 1 Funds**

Dear Secretary Laird and Members of the Ocean Protection Council:

On behalf of the California Waterkeepers, California Coastkeeper Alliance submits this letter in strong support of the Ocean Protection Council (OPC) authorizing disbursement of Proposition 1 funding dedicated to multi-benefit projects. Through the strategic investment of Proposition 1 and other state bond funds, the OPC can make our marine life, communities, and ocean economy more resilient, despite a changing ocean. Projects from across the state can build on our investments in marine protected areas, or ‘ocean hope spots,’ to create multiple benefits such as improving water quality and protecting endangered species.

Given limited resources, we applaud the OPC’s efficient use of Proposition 1 investments. Even with a large amount of funding becoming available, California’s ocean health needs far exceed available resources. Projects that achieve multiple benefits, such as endangered species protection, habitat restoration, climate change resiliency, land acquisition and preservation of open space, flood management, and water quality protection should be prioritized for Proposition 1 funding to achieve the best possible outcomes for water quality, ecosystems, and all Californians.

We strongly appreciate the OPC’s attention to multi-benefits projects. The development of high quality, multi-benefit projects is challenging and time-consuming due to the number of stakeholders necessary for a successful integrated planning process. Furthermore, designing projects to advance measurable criteria, particularly ecological and social criteria linked to benefits for sensitive species or disadvantaged communities respectively, requires a greater investment in the planning process.

Thank you again to OPC staff for their hard work to identify these important projects and their continual responsiveness to the input of our organization. We look forward to working with OPC to continue facilitating inter-agency coordination and joint funding to achieve multi-benefit projects that have documented successes from previous public funding efforts, and reflect OPC priorities.

Sincerely,

Sean Bothwell  
Policy Director  
California Coastkeeper Alliance