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Dear Gary, Cicely, Eric, Tom and Peter,

Public Review Draft - Planning Commission Draft - May, 2022

This Public Review Draft was updated in May of 2022 from the previous date of 2019. Changes to "wording" need to be revised in this new 2022 Draft prior to submitting it to the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors.

Our family and neighbors are very concerned that the wording regarding the California Coastal Trail have not been changed relating to the public access maps that were also updated. Markers and wording do not match. Wording needs to be revised according to the new location of the California Coastal Trail being placed inland on Highway 1 to the Marin County line.

The maps and marker show the California Coastal Trail on Highway 1. The wording (Not Matching) tells the public to walk the coastline on the California Coastal Trail from Doran Beach and or Subdivision to the Marin County line at the Estero Americano during low tides.

The County of Marin's March 8, 2021 letter advised Sonoma County Permit and Resource Management Department to place the CCT inland on Highway 1. The CCT would then provide a seamless transition into the proposed alignment at Valley Ford. Sonoma County did move the California Coastal Trail inland to Highway 1, as shown on 2 maps: Figure C-PA-1J and Figure C-PA-1k relating to this Public Review Draft. Sonoma County did not change the wording or mention Highway 1 as the California Coastal Trail route in this 2022 Draft.

Marin County stated in their letter: "Our Local Coastal Program identifies the inland (Highway 1) alignment for the proposed coastal trail in recognition of the difficult terrain, sensitive ecosystem, and potential conflict with agricultural uses associated with a coastal alignment."

Please see: Public Access maps- Figure C-PA-1J Public Access SubArea 9 Bodega Bay Vicinity

County (Marker I-32) CCT: Bodega Harbor Subdivision to Marin
(Marker I-34) Short Tail Gulch Trail
&
Figure C-PA-1K Public Access SubArea 10 Valley Ford
(Marker K-1)

Please see: Wording- Page 86 (I-32) California Coastal Trail
Page 87 (I-34) Short Tail Gulch Trail
Page 89 (K-1) California Coastal Trail: Bodega Harbor
Subdivision to Marin County

Sonoma County states in the Public Review Draft- May 2022:
"The Coastal route follows the shoreline of the Bodega Harbor Subdivision from Doran Regional Park to the Marin County line at the Estero Americano. It is possible to walk along the shoreline of the Bodega Harbor Subdivision from Doran Regional Park to the Marin County line at the Estero Americano. This pedestrian only route is limited to use during low tides. Although portions can be accessed anytime from Doran Beach, Pinnacle Gulch Trail and Short Tail Gulch Trail."
Our family and neighbors are asking to change wording and have it related properly to the maps and markers. None of these trails should have wording leading the California Coastal Trail to the Marin County line at the Estero Americano.
The wording should state:
"The California Coastal Trail remains inland on Highway 1 from the town of Bodega Bay to the town of Valley Ford"
This wording will then relate to your public access maps 9 & 10. Highway 1 will be listed and not "The Marin County line at the Estero Americano." If this wording is not changed, it will only confuse the public where to walk, damage the coastline and make people trespass on agricultural property.
There is NO California Coastal Trail or managed pedestrian trails at the Estero Americano to connect with Marin County. The land is private and the coast is very dangerous and not passible at high tides and or low tides in many spots with out walking in water. Placing a pedestrian trail in this area will only deteriorate this very fragile coast line. This is a not a safe place to publicize a California Coastal public trail and have it stop at a county line and not be connected to go into Marin County. Marin County has stated why they do not not want this CCT trail placed in this coastal area. Please take out all California Coastal Trail wording on pages 86, 87 and 89 of the Public Review Draft - May 2022 that relate to maps and markers in the area of The Estero Americano and the Marin County line. Leaving any wording to ask people to walk along this coast line in the water will place these pedestrians in a hazardous area. The federal government has listed this area as a Environmentally Sensitive Habitat Area according to map: Figure C-OSRC-2k SubArea 10 Valley Ford in this SCLCP-Update. There is no cell service and no access by vehicle to save a stranded hiker. This area has unstable slopes areas according to SCLCP-Update map: Figure C-PS-2c Slope Instability Hazards SubAreas 7-10, showing high risk bluff erosion.
We would be happy to answer any of your questions. We thank you all for letting us comment. We look forward to protecting this coastline into the future.
Sincerely,

The Spaletta Family
Valley Ford, CA

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