

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY
PLANNING DIVISION

March 8, 2021 (Sent Via Email to PRMD-LCP-Update@sonoma-county.org)

Cecily Condon
Sonoma County Permit and Resource Management Department
2550 Ventura Venue
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

RE: Sonoma County Draft Local Coastal Plan Update - Public Access Plan

Dear Ms. Condon:

I am writing in response to concerns raised by the Spaletta Families in their comment letter dated November 28, 2020 regarding the 2019 Public Review Draft of Sonoma County's Local Coastal Plan Update. Specifically, Section J-1 (Valley Ford Subarea 10) states:

"The coastal route follows 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, and Short Tail Gulch Trail."

The recommended coastal route is depicted in Figure C-PA-1K which shows an access point (K-2) at the Estero Americano Preserve. Please note that Marin County does not identify existing, proposed, or continuation of a coastal access alignment from Sonoma County across the county line at the Estero Americano. The Marin County Local Coastal Program identifies the proposed coastal trail alignment inland along Highway 1, which provides a seamless transition into the proposed alignment at Valley Ford, as depicted in Figure C-PA-1k. 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.

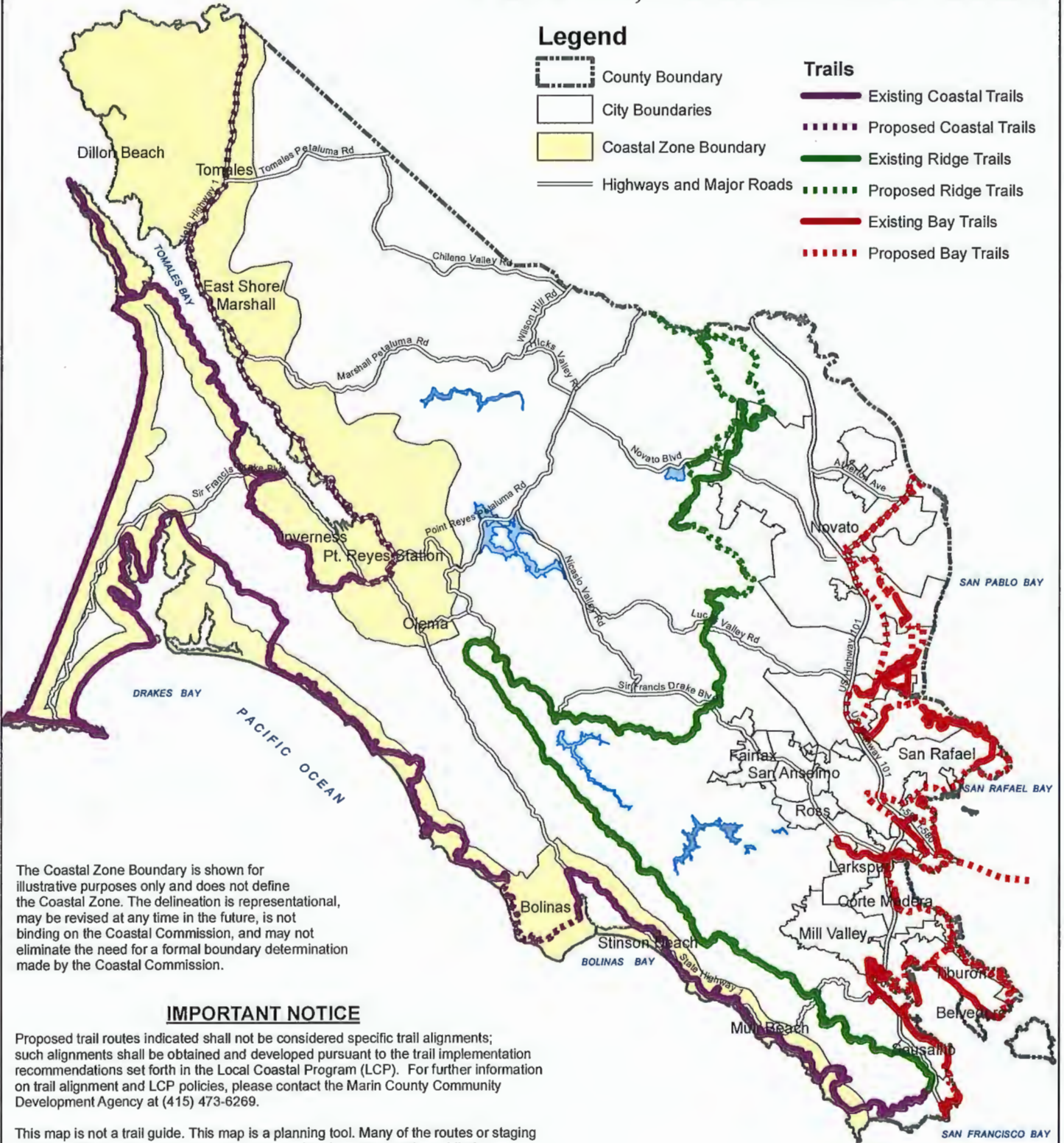
Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this matter. I can be reached at (415) 473-6292 or by email at tlai@marincounty.org.

Sincerely,

Tom Lai, Interim Director

Attachment: Marin County Local Coastal Program Map 25

MAP 25 COASTAL, RIDGE AND BAY TRAILS



Legend

- County Boundary
 - City Boundaries
 - Coastal Zone Boundary
 - Highways and Major Roads
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- ### Trails
- Existing Coastal Trails
 - Proposed Coastal Trails
 - Existing Ridge Trails
 - Proposed Ridge Trails
 - Existing Bay Trails
 - Proposed Bay Trails

The Coastal Zone Boundary is shown for illustrative purposes only and does not define the Coastal Zone. The delineation is representational, may be revised at any time in the future, is not binding on the Coastal Commission, and may not eliminate the need for a formal boundary determination made by the Coastal Commission.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Proposed trail routes indicated shall not be considered specific trail alignments; such alignments shall be obtained and developed pursuant to the trail implementation recommendations set forth in the Local Coastal Program (LCP). For further information on trail alignment and LCP policies, please contact the Marin County Community Development Agency at (415) 473-6269.

This map is not a trail guide. This map is a planning tool. Many of the routes or staging areas identified on the map are simply proposed and not open to the public for any purpose. This map does not convey any rights to the public to use any trail routes shown on this drawing; nor does this map exempt any person from trespassing charges. For copies of maps about existing trails that are available for public use, contact the Marin County Department of Parks and Open Space at (415) 473-6387.

Note: For questions or comments on these State and Regional trails, please contact the appropriate agency.

SOURCE: Association of Bay Area Governments (Bay and Ridge Trails), California State Coastal Conservancy, California Coastal Commission (Coastal Trails).



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