

# Midcoast Community Council

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Date: January 28, 2015  
To: Mike Schaller, SMC Planning Dept.  
From: Midcoast Community Council, Dave Olson, Chair  
Cc: Supervisor Don Horsley  
CCC staff Nancy Cave, Renee Ananda  
Subject: **PLN2014-00302: CDP for guardrail installation and fence removal in the public right-of-way at the west end of 7th Street in Montara.**  
Applicant: SMC Dept of Public Works

The Midcoast Community Council (MCC) supports the application with the following modifications:

1. **Removal of the entire portion of the solid wood 6-ft-plus “fence” that lies within the County right-of-way (ROW).** The fence is over the legal height limit, blocks coastal views, and takes public ROW and coastal bluff for private use. It impinges on already substandard off-street parking for 101 7<sup>th</sup> Street. The fence encroachment serves no legitimate ROW purpose. It plays no role in stormwater runoff management, a significant issue on this street. LCP Table 10.6 recommends keeping open the ends of residential streets in Montara and developing them as viewpoints.
2. **Removal of the view-blocking non-native shrubs at the guardrail cliff edge location.** This should be done without disturbing the soil, by cutting at ground level and painting the fresh cuts with glyphosate. *Myoporum laetum* is fast growing to 15-30 ft tall, and is listed by Cal-IPC as moderately invasive in coastal and riparian habitat. The former shrub area should be replanted or seeded with appropriate locally native plants that will naturally grow no taller than the guardrail.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. Please keep us informed of any comments received, redesigns, hearings, approvals, or appeals concerning this project. Digital format is preferred ([daveolsonmcc@gmail.com](mailto:daveolsonmcc@gmail.com)).