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John P. Donnelly, Executive Director
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**Subject: Support for \$200,000 grant to State Coastal Conservancy for
Montara State Beach Accessway**

Dear Mr. Donnelly:

The Midcoast Community Council is writing in support of the Wildlife Conservation Board awarding a \$200,000 grant to the State Coastal Conservancy for the Montara State Beach Accessway planning project to improve public access to Montara State Beach. This project is critically needed to improve passage to the beach from the parking area.

Montara State Beach is a much-loved beach on the San Mateo coast known for its white sand beach, fishing and surfing opportunities, and stunning views. More than 120,000 people are estimated to visit each year. Currently, access to the beach from the Martini Creek parking area requires scrambling down the bluff, as the former stairway has been damaged and closed. A new accessway to the beach is urgently needed, both for the safety of visitors and for the protection of the environment.

A grant from the Wildlife Conservation Board would enable the Coastal Conservancy to move this much-needed beach accessway closer to completion through the preparation of plans, environmental review, and permits to make the project ready for construction.

We urge Wildlife Conservation Board to support this important project to improve safe access to Montara State Beach.

Sincerely,

MIDCOAST COMMUNITY COUNCIL
s/Claire Toutant, Chair