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Douglas Bosco, Chairman
Governing Board
California State Coastal Conservancy
1515 Clay Street, 10th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612-1400

Re: Support for Westport Village Society Grant Application for "DeHaven Creek Headlands Acquisition and Resource Management Project"

Honorable Chairman Bosco and Governing Board:

The Westport Municipal Advisory Council (WMAC) strongly urges you to support the cited Westport Village Society Grant Application. We are a Council appointed by the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors to represent the views of the Westport Community. We want to make you aware that there is very strong local support for this undertaking.

Your grant will help preserve a pristine 26 acre oceanfront property about one mile north of Westport, California, guaranteeing future public access and habitat preservation. The property contains diverse habitats and resources greatly valued by the public, local residents, and tribes who have pursued subsistence and other traditional activities there for millennia. It adjoins Westport Union Landing State Beach, offering a chance to extend the California Coastal Trail another half mile south.

The purchase agreement negotiated by WVS depends on your grant to realize this unique conservation and public access opportunity. We hope you appreciate that local people have generously contributed funds to help that acquisition occur. WVS is an experienced land trust that previously acquired the Headlands in our village with your help. They will capably manage this new property so all can enjoy it.

If this opportunity is missed the property may be developed, compromising public access, natural habitats, and scenic views. We hope you will seize the chance to approve the grant.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Scott".

Robert Scott, Chairman
Westport Municipal Advisory Council

Cc: Westport Village Society