

Westport Municipal Advisory Council

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February 1, 2013

Abbey Stockwell, Project Coordinator Department of Planning and Building Services 120 West Fir Street Fort Bragg, CA 95437

Re: CDP #12-2012, MacKerricher Dune Rehabilitation Project

Dear Abbey:

The Westport Municipal Advisory Council previously commented on this pending permit last year on July 9 and August 10. At that time we summarized a wide variety of concerns presented at our meetings by local citizens. Since then, the final Mitigated Negative Declaration for the project was filed December 20, 2012 by the California Department of Parks and Recreation.

We believe the final MND has ignored many of the significant impacts of the project mentioned by the public at our hearings. A January 10, 2013 letter submitted to you about this project by 175 concerned local citizens was copied to the WMAC. We agree with some of the key points made in that commentary and urge your department to consider these issues:

- 1. The final MND for the project does not reduce the environmental impacts of the project below a significant level. We thus urge the County to require the preparation of an EIR that analyzes all significant issues raised in the citizen's letter of January 10, 2013.
- 2. The WMAC supports the consideration of the two project alternatives proposed by the citizens group as a way to reduce or otherwise mitigate for the significant environmental effects of the project. Other alternatives may also be worth consideration.

Please keep us informed of any revised submittal and notify us in advance of any public hearing on the permit for this pending project. Please contact Chairman Thad Van Bueren at 964-7272 if you have questions about the comments raised by the WMAC.

Sincerely,

Chuck Eyerly, Secretary

cc: Dan Gjerde, Fourth District Supervisor Steve Dunnicliff, Mendocino County PBS Director