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RE: Pismo State Beach
Commission agenda: February 27, 1975

The Honorable Donnell B. Wright, Chairman
South Central Coast Regional Coastal Commission
City Hall
Port Hueneme, California 93041

Dear Chairman Wright:

It is my understanding that February 27 has been set for the South Central Coast Regional Coastal Commission to hold a public meeting on the above matter in San Luis Obispo County. In your position as Chairman of the Commission, I address this letter direct to you.

I request that I be given the privilege of speaking at the February 27th meeting of the Commission in San Luis Obispo County, where I have lived since 1956. I wish to have five to ten minutes to comment on certain parts of the published Preliminary Plan for General Development and Resource Management of Pismo State Beach and Pismo Lunes Vehicular Recreation Area, as amended by the State Park and Recreation Commission at their Los Angeles meeting on December 5, 1974.

If I may speak, my comments will follow essentially the Statement I made at that December 5th meeting of the State Park and Recreation Commission in Los Angeles. I enclose a copy of this for your information. In it:

1. You will note that pages 1 and 2 consist of introduction and of delineation of my own substantial background and knowledge of the beach and dunes under consideration.
2. Page 3 contains my enthusiastic commendation of most of this Proposed Master Plan.
3. Pages 4 and 5 are the most important input I have to offer, as I list my points of opposition to phases of the Plan. And also I list "urgings" for enhancement of the Plan.
4. An added opposition I would like to list has to do with the very controversial matter of camping on the beach. Basically, from the standpoint of complete protection of the sensitive beach marine environment, I am opposed to any camping on the beach. However, I would at this time rather take a position of supporting the proposals in this Proposed Master Plan to the extent of stating that I believe there should be a gradual phase-out of camping on the beach, and, further, that there should not be allowed more than 200 beach camping units at any time. In my opinion, any overflow must use commercial recreation camper parks or some area other than the beach.

5. An added "urging" I would like to list is that public walk-in access should be assured from Garden Street in Oceans to the Pismo Lunes Natural Preserve; see paragraph 5 on page 4B of the Plan. Currently this access is owned by a private livery stable and the present owners are most courteous about granting public access to the State-owned Natural Preserve; but this access should be a permanent public access.

I am a member of the Pismo State Beach Advisory Committee (having been a

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Charter member of the Committee). Prior to this I was a charter member of the Montana de Vro State Park Advisory Committee, and its secretary for several terms. I am also a member of several organizations which for over a decade have kept abreast of the use-activities at Pismo State Beach general area. In 1965 I took three persons knowledgeable about this beach and dunes area to a meeting of the State Park Commission in Santa Barbara. The four of us had been given about half an hour on the Commission agenda. We were supported by a delegation of approximately 50 persons - and were promoting the concept that further acquisition by the State, of beach, dunes and bluffs southward from, and adjoining, Pismo State Beach, should be endorsed as a live and continuing issue by the State Park Commission. The Commission accorded such approval.

Since I have concentrated for 13 years on promoting State stewardship of this particular coastal area of Central California, and since I work actively in several interested organizations, I request that I speak as "a concerned citizen and resident of the area," rather than as the official and representative spokesman of any one entity.

Thank you for your consideration.

I am sending a copy of this letter and enclosed Statement to Commission Executive Director F. C. Buchter.

Sincerely yours,

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cc F. C. Buchter, South Central Forest Regional Coastal Commission
William Penn Holt, Jr., Director, State Department of Parks and Recreation
Enc Statement of December 5, 1974: to State Park and Recreation Commission