

*Very succinct
& helpful.*

*To Jack & Grace Beigle - no return
From - Kathleen Jones*



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Dear Kathleen:

In hurried response to your card of Feb. 17, alas, I have no idea what words I used a year ago, but the idea that I was trying to convey was that the Coastal Act clearly gives priority to the protection of natural resources over public access, recreation, and visitor facilities. Here are a few substantiating excerpts from the Coastal Act:

"Sec. 30001 (a) ...the California coastal zone is a distinct and valuable natural resource of vital and enduring interest to all the people and exists as a delicately balanced ecosystem.

"(b) ...the protection of the state's natural and scenic resources is a paramount concern to present and future residents of the state and nation.

"(c) ...to promote the public safety, health, and welfare, and to protect public and private property, wildlife, marine fisheries, and other ocean resources, and the natural environment, it is necessary to protect the ecological balance of the coastal zone and prevent its deterioration and destruction.

"Sec. 30001.5: The Legislature further finds and declares that the basic goals of the state for the coastal zone are to:

"(a) Protect, maintain, and where feasible, enhance and restore the overall quality of the coastal zone environment...

"(c) Maximize public access to and along the coast and maximize public recreational opportunities in the coastal zone consistent with sound resource conservation principles and constitutionally protected rights of private property owners...

"Sec. 30240: (a) Environmentally sensitive habitat areas shall be protected against any significant disruption of habitat values, and only uses dependent on such resources shall be allowed within such areas.

"(b) Development in areas adjacent to environmentally sensitive habitat areas and parks and recreation areas shall be sited and designed to prevent impacts which would significantly degrade such areas, and shall be compatible with the continuance of such habitat areas.

"Sec. 30107.5: 'Environmentally sensitive area' means any area in which plant or animal life or their habitats are either rare or especially valuable because of their special nature or role in an ecosystem and which could be easily disturbed or degraded by human activities and developments."

Hope this helps!

Mary Ann
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cc Susan Harris