

Exhibit D

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MLCP Key Policy No. 5.4.1

The Moss Landing Community contains a variety of sandy beaches, dunes, estuaries and wetland habitats which offer diverse recreational opportunities. In the spirit of the Coastal Act, public access to these areas shall be provided. However, conservation of the sensitive natural resources of the coastline is an even higher priority. It is the County's policy to encourage an optimal level of development of recreation and public access opportunities consistent with the conservation of sensitive natural resources of Moss Landing

MLCP General Policy No. 5.4.2

General policies on shoreline access and development of recreation and visitor-serving facilities contained in other chapters of this plan are incorporated by reference in the Moss Landing Community Plan. These policies emphasize permanent protection of major access points and property management by appropriate public agencies. New access and recreation areas should be guided by detailed management plans, and the rights of residents and property owners should not be jeopardized by irresponsible public access. Low and moderate cost recreation and visitor-serving facilities are preferred to higher cost facilities.

MLCP Specific Policy – Priority 1 No. 5.4.3.1

First priority should be given to improving recreational facilities and reversing the degradation of sand dune habitats at Moss Landing State Beach. To accomplish this objective, a management program should be developed that includes the provision of restrooms, firepits, fish cleaning facilities and improved parking areas with controlled pedestrian walkways to and over the dunes. Protective fencing and replanting of the dunes with native vegetation should be instituted. This will be accomplished by the California Department of Parks and Recreation generally as illustrated in Figure 4, and as further discussed in Section 4.3.6 C and Chapter 6 of this plan.

MLCP Specific Policy – Priority 1 No. 5.4.3.2

A management and restoration plan similar to that for Moss Landing State Beach, should be developed for Salinas River State Beach. The parking area at the end of Potrero Road should be improved to accommodate increased access to the beach.

MLCP Specific Policy – Priority 1 No. 5.4.3.3

Increased supervision of Moss Landing and Salinas River State Beaches should be provided by the State Department of Parks and Recreation and the Monterey County Sheriff's Department.

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MLCP Specific Policy – Priority 1 No. 5.4.3.4

Educational displays and signs alerting visitors to the fragile nature of the dune environment and directing them to controlled accessways should be posted at major access areas at the two state beaches.

MLCP Specific Policy – Priority 1 No. 5.4.3.5

Improved bus scheduling to allow more frequent transit service to the state beaches and commercial center should be provided.

MLCP Specific Policy – Priority 2 No. 5.4.3.6

Consistent with the General Policy, the second priority for provision and improvement of public accessways should include Bennett Slough, Elkhorn Slough, Moro Cojo Slough, the Island beach, and the sand dunes south of the Moss Landing Marine Labs.

MLCP Specific Policy – Priority 2 No. 5.4.3.7

Controlled public access to Moro Cojo Slough and Bennett Slough should be provided after the wetlands restoration programs for these areas have been successfully implemented. Accessways should not infringe upon sensitive natural habitats. Provision of boardwalks constructed of permeable materials should be favored over foot trails where the potential for damage to wetlands habitats exists. Access to Moro Cojo Slough, including an improved parking facility, should be provided via Moss Landing Road and from the parking lot near the intersection of Moss Landing Road North and Highway One. Access to Bennett Slough, with education displays and viewing areas, should be provided via Jetty Road. Visual access shall also be maintained to these wetland areas.

MLCP Specific Policy – Priority 2 No. 5.4.3.8

Management responsibility for recreational use of the Elkhorn Slough area should be actively assumed by an agency or agencies with recreation management capabilities.

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MLCP Specific Policy – Priority 2 No. 5.4.3.9

The State Department of Parks and Recreation is encouraged to evaluate the desirability of acquiring dune and beach properties at such time as they are offered for sale by the owner. A dune restoration program should be established, including protective fencing, replanting with native vegetation, and boardwalks constructed of permeable material to link parking areas and access sites with the shoreline. Controlled access points should be clearly marked, and educational displays developed to inform the general public about fragile dune habitats. The development of a dune habitat interpretive center should also be considered.

MLCP Specific Policy – Priority 2 No. 5.4.3.10

The potential for coastal dependent, low intensity recreational and educational use of the Old Salinas River Channel area should be studied.

MLCP Specific Policy – Priority 2 No. 5.4.3.11

Adequate on-site parking and public access to the beach should be a condition of development permit approvals on the Island.

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