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I'm happy to be the point of contact. Info below. I can distribute info to our team as needed.

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**Subject:** RE: Big Sur Coast LUP update

Hello Dan,

I greatly appreciate your email and will note that the language needs to be updated.

I was also wondering if there is a State Parks staff person who would be an appropriate point of contact during the Big Sur Coast Land Use Plan update. I can add them to the distribution list and send an introductory email to them.

Thanks,

**Taylor Price** (*he/him or they/them*)  
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**Subject:** Big Sur Coast LUP update

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Taylor,

I took a look at the Big Sur LUP update and had a question and a comment. Just curious, are you communicating with anyone from California State Parks on review/comments?

It would be great if you can update language "Point Sur lighthouse" should be Point Sur State Historic Park.

Thanks!

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Date: November 20, 2023  
To: Ms. Etna Monsalve, Chair, Monterey County Planning Commission  
From: Timothy Duff, Project Specialist, State Coastal Conservancy  
Re: **Big Sur Land Use Plan/Local Coastal Plan Update  
Ad Hoc Committee Draft (11/13/23) - Garrapata Beach Restroom**

Dear Chairperson Monsalve:

On behalf of the State Coastal Conservancy we appreciate all of the hard work by Commissioners Martha Diehl and Kate Daniels and others on the Big Sur Land Use Plan/Local Coastal Plan Draft Update. I am writing specifically about the draft policies on the Garrapata Beach restroom and the current effort led by State Parks and funded by the Coastal Conservancy to plan for the future installation of a restroom to serve visitors to this beach. The Coastal Conservancy recognizes the Big Sur community's expressed interest in providing more restrooms on the Big Sur Coast but we are concerned the draft restroom policy could prevent permit approval for the Garrapata Beach restroom.

While we applaud the proposed new language encouraging the installation of a new restroom at Garrapata Beach, given the variety of constraints and the topography of the area the draft language requiring the restroom to not be visible to motor vehicle traffic passing on Highway 1 would likely make it infeasible to permit and install the desired new restroom.

Based on initial site evaluations by State Parks staff it appears a restroom can be designed and located to minimize its visibility, including by lowering the grade of the site and using appropriate colors and materials. However, it would not be possible to make a restroom invisible to motor vehicle traffic. Given the absence of a noticeable grade change between the highway and the pullout, there's no substantive difference in views/vantage points from the highway compared to the pullout. Thus, the proposed language that would allow the restroom to be visible from the pullout but invisible from motor vehicle traffic does not actually serve to facilitate installation of a new restroom there. See the attached screenshots that demonstrate the nearly identical views from the highway and pullout looking towards the ocean.

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The draft policy under Section **3.2 SCENIC RESOURCES, 3.2.5 Exceptions to the Key Policy Public Restrooms and State Park Parking Section E**, states that “public restrooms are encouraged at... 2. Garrapata State Beach, which may be visible from the State Beach pullout, but shall not be visible to motor vehicle traffic passing on Highway 1.” (underline added)

While we are currently developing plans with State Parks District staff to design and locate the restroom at a location on the Garrapata Beach coastal terrace that will minimize impacts to ocean and terrace views, in order to be able to permit the new restroom we request the Planning Commission consider modifying the end of Section E(2) as suggested below. Please note the beach is not designated by State Parks as a “State Beach.” Similarly, the pullouts are owned by Caltrans and are not designated by State Parks as a “State Beach pullout.”

Please consider modifying the current draft language from:

“Public restrooms are encouraged at the following locations: 2. Garrapata State Beach, which may be visible from the State Beach pullout, but shall not be visible to motor vehicle traffic passing on Highway 1.

To:

“Public restrooms are encouraged at the following locations: 2. Garrapata Beach, which shall be located and designed to minimize its visibility from the Beach pullout and motor vehicle traffic passing on Highway 1.”

Thank you for your consideration of our request.

*Timothy Duff*

Timothy Duff, Project Manager, State Coastal Conservancy

Cc Brent Marshall, Superintendent, Monterey District State Parks  
Dan Carl, Central Coast District Director, Coastal Commission

Attachment: Photos of the views from Highway 1 and the beach pullout

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## Photos of the views from Highway 1 and the beach pullout

Note the absence of grade change from roadbed to pullout and absence of discernable difference in coastal views between the pullout and vehicles on Highway 1.



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