

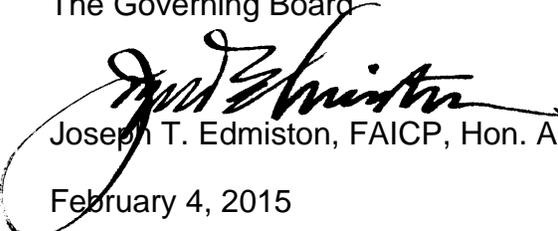


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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

FROM:  Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Hon. ASLA, Executive Officer

DATE: February 4, 2015

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item VI(f): Consideration of resolution authorizing amendment to Malibu Coastal Development Permit Application No. 07-087, Lechuza Beach Public Access Improvements Project, East Sea Level Drive, West Sea Level Drive, and Broad Beach Road, City of Malibu.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing amendment to Malibu Coastal Development Permit Application No. 07-087, Lechuza Beach Public Access Improvements Project, East Sea Level Drive, West Sea Level Drive, and Broad Beach Road, City of Malibu.

Background: The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) acquired approximately a quarter mile of beach and various access easements in 2001/2002 just west of Lechuza Point in Malibu with funding provided by the State Coastal Conservancy (SCC) and via donations. The acquisition of and initial planning for public access improvements at Lechuza Beach have been funded by an approximately \$9 million investment by the SCC.

The MRCA is proposing the Lechuza Beach Public Access Improvements Project in order to improve accessibility for people with disabilities and to meet the building code requirements at a public beach. This is a complicated project with ongoing legal issues with the nearby homeowners, various site constraints, and a long history. The MRCA has a pending, incomplete coastal development permit application at the City of Malibu for this project.

The MRCA Board last authorized an amendment to said coastal development permit application at its January 25, 2010 meeting. MRCA staff and the Attorney General's office are actively negotiating with Malibu Encinal Homeowners Association regarding the various project elements including the beach management plan, in an attempt to settle the existing litigation.

There have been new elements to the project being considered by the parties. Because of the litigation status, it is best not address all of the individual project changes.

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To move the project forward, the proposed action would authorize the Executive Officer to approve project design changes in the permit application necessary to provide quality public access, to minimize environmental impacts, and to settle the pending litigation.