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Subject: Gaviota Cove Support Letter, Gaviota Coast Conservancy
Attachments: GCC Gaviota Cove Support Letter 2-26-16.pdf

To the Supervisors,

Our letter of support for awarding a CREF Grant to the Trust for Public Land for the acquisition of the Gaviota Cove property is attached.

Sincerely,

Michael S. Brown, President
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Mr. Peter Adam, Chairperson
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Re: CREF - Support for Gaviota Cove Property Acquisition

Honorable members of the Board of Supervisors,

The Gaviota Coast Conservancy (GCC) strongly supports staff's recommendation and encourages your Board to award a CREF Grant to the Trust for Public Land for the acquisition of the Gaviota Cove property.

The GCC is dedicated to the preservation and enhancement of the rural character of the Gaviota Coast for the benefit and enjoyment of current and future generations.

The acquisition of the property will protect two creeks, protecting important wildlife corridors and habitat.

The beautiful coastal landscape to the south of Highway 101, including coastal sage scrub, riparian woodland and habitat, and unobstructed ocean views will be protected with the acquisition of this land.

The acquisition of Gaviota Cove is strategically important as it will provide appropriate connectivity to beach and bluff top portions of Gaviota State Park. The public will be well served by the potential public access and Coastal Trail segment that will be enabled by this acquisition.

The Gaviota Coast is nationally recognized for its beauty, biodiversity, cultural significance and recreational opportunity. The GCC strongly supports the award of a CREF Grant to the Trust for Public Land for the acquisition of the Gaviota Cove property.

Thank you for your support of this important acquisition.

Sincerely,

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