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SUMMERLAND CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

TO: Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors

FROM: The Summerland Citizens Association

RE: Allocation of 2018-2019 Coastal Resources Enhancement Fund Awards
19--00442

The Summerland Citizens Association strongly urges your allocation of the requested CREF funding in support of the development of Lookout Park.

This is the county's smallest county park and the most heavily impacted, receiving many thousands of visitors a year. With its picnic areas and beach access, it offers invaluable recreational opportunities both locally and regionally.

With the development of Lookout Park's east end, formerly the space for a ranger residence, the county has the opportunity to significantly expand the small park's use and capacity. Much community input has contributed to a well-developed landscape plan that takes maximum advantage of the area's size and location, which offers spectacular coastline views.

Its unique location will be an attraction for those wishing to reserve an area for special events, thus contributing to county coffers. Currently closed off and unusable, the area, once developed will greatly expand the park's usable space and increase recreational use.

On behalf of the community of Summerland, the Summerland Citizens Association has been lobbying for the development of this valuable park area for more than ten years. We urge your support in moving this long-delayed and important project forward.

Thank you,

Gordon Morrison, Chair
Summerland Citizens Association