

February 26, 2024

Chair Lisa Ketcham and Members of the San Mateo County Planning Commission 455 County Center, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Redwood City, CA 94063

Re: San Mateo County Planning Commission Hearing 2-28-2024

**Item 3: PLN2023-00400**: Consideration of a Coastal Development Permit to extend CSA-11 water pipelines to serve Pescadero Middle/High School and a future fire station to be located adjacent to the school, located at 350-360 Butano Cut Off; and

Item 4: PLN2023-00146: Consideration of a Coastal Development Permit, Resource Management-Coastal Zone Permit, and a Use Permit, pursuant to Sections 6328.4, 6903 and 6500, respectively of the San Mateo County Zoning Regulations to: 1) permit the construction of a new fire station (County Fire Station No.59) at the Pescadero Middle/High School site, located at 350-360 Butano Cut-Off, and 2) permit the partial demolition and remodeling of the existing Station No. 59, located at 1200 Pescadero Creek Road, which will continue serve as an emergency backup

Dear Chair Ketcham and Members of the Commission:

On behalf of Green Foothills, <u>I write in support of the Staff Recommendation for Approval</u> of the two above-referenced Coastal Development Permits (CDPs) that will address ongoing public health and safety issues in the rural service center of Pescadero.

Your consideration of these two related CDPs is the culmination of a ten-year search for a new location for the existing Pescadero Fire Station at 1200 Pescadero Creek Road, which is subject to annual interior flooding, mold, and plumbing system backups. The new location for the Fire Station at 350-360 Butano Cut-Off will also provide badly needed potable water for the Pescadero Middle/High School, where the existing groundwater well source has exceeded state standards for nitrate and coliform for many years.

Green Foothills urges your Commission to approve both of these interrelated Coastal Development Permits, and we look forward to their construction.

Sincerely,

Lennie Roberts, Legislative Advocate

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