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Re: Project for Northern Parking Area and Trailhead and Draft Environmental Assessment at Cotoni-Coast Dairies, a Unit of the California Coastal National Monument (DOI-BLM-CA-C090-2023-0001-EA)

Dear Mr. Ormsby,

Molino Creek LLC is an easement holder on Warrenella Road, transiting the northern width of the Cotoni-Coast Dairies Unit of the California Coastal National Monument (CCDNM). We are a partnership of residents and agricultural operators founded in 1982. We have been continual cooperative neighbors and co-caretakers of the CCDNM property and Warrenella Road for over 40 years.

We have been continuous commenters in all phases of the public comment process for CCDNM and always appreciate the opportunity for participation.

In addition to our comments below, we endorse and attach the comments of the Davenport-North Coast Association.

1. Select Alternative #1

Our preference is for the Bureau to implement Alternative #1 at the CCDNM Northern Entrance.

We strongly oppose Alternative #2. As we have expressed in all previous comments, no visitor traffic should be on Warrenella Road at any point due to the potential safety and security conflicts with the various easement holders and road users.

We do not support a decision for “No Action” as this would be detrimental to protection of the Monument’s resources, as well as visitor and community safety.

2. Implementation: Raised berm along north side of Warrenella from gate-150’

We strongly support the suggestion made by Agency planning staff at the April 12 on-site meeting for a raised berm and vegetative screening between the proposed parking area and Warrenella Road. This feature should extend from Cement Plant Road along the north side of Warrenella Road, for at least 150 feet. This will enhance the safety and security of Warrenella Road users and provide visual screening for the Davenport/New Town residents to the south.

3. Implementation: Safety upgrades at Warrenella gate

As part of implementing and installing Alternative #1, we urge the Agency to address various safety issues of the locked gate at the intersection of Warrenella Road and Cement Plant Road. The gate itself is deteriorated and needs replacement. An electronic lock and opening system should be installed, with a keyed over-ride available. The overhanging eucalyptus branches should be trimmed aggressively. We will be very happy to cooperate on planning and implementing these needed improvements.

Thank you for your careful consideration of our comments.

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