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Support Agenda Item W6g Environmental Action Committee of West Marin

May 8, 2020

California Coastal Commission
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Via Electronic Delivery: ExecutiveStaff@coastal.ca.gov

Re: Support Agenda Item W6g (Sea Level Rise Principles)

Dear Commissioners,

The Environmental Action Committee of West Marin is based in Point Reyes Station and has been working to protect the unique lands, waters, and biodiversity of West Marin since 1971. Our work focuses on the environmental issues impacting the unincorporated coastal communities of West Marin from Dillon to Muir Beaches.

We have been extensively involved with Marin County's Local Coastal Program amendment update, as well as with other Marin County coastal resiliency and planning efforts. We have also submitted comments in support of the California Coastal Commission (Commission)'s sea level rise guidance documents, including the draft residential adaptation policy guidance. Our support for the Commission's adoption of *Making California's Coast Resilient to Sea Level Rise: Principles for Aligned State Action (Sea Level Rise Principles)* is consistent with our past comments. We understand the importance of collaboration and aligned action among state agencies as our coastal villages adapt to sea level rise and climate change impacts.

For these reasons, we support the Commission staff's recommendation to adopt *Sea Level Rise Principles*. In particular, we support the principles related to the application of best available science; wide stakeholder participation; increased transparency; prioritization of nature based adaptation measures; protection of coastal resources, biodiversity, and coastal public access; and increasing restoration and adaptation projects such as wetland restoration. Thank you for your consideration of these brief comments and your continued commitment to coastal resiliency, adaptation, collaboration, and public access.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ashley Eagle-Gibbs".

Ashley Eagle-Gibbs, Esq.
Conservation Director