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Subject: Letter of Authorization for City of Huntington Beach Bluff Stabilization Project,  
Bolsa Chica State Beach

Dear Mr. Okamoto-Cerda:

On behalf of the Orange Coast District of California State Parks, this letter is provided to authorize the City of Huntington Beach's proposed project to remediate a section of failed slope along the existing bike path between the Dog Beach and Blufftop parking lots within Bolsa Chica State Beach.

The subject property is owned by California State Parks and is maintained by the City under an Operating Agreement that assigns responsibility for the slope and surrounding public-serving infrastructure, including pedestrian pathways and nearby restrooms. The affected area has experienced slope failure, creating ongoing risks to public safety, recreational access, and adjacent facilities. This letter is provided as the written concurrence required under the Operating Agreement for the City to proceed with coordinating and permitting the proposed scope of work to remediate the failed slope, restore slope stability, and protect existing public-serving infrastructure.

The proposed remediation includes removal of failed soil and debris along an approximately 77-foot section of slope; reconstruction using layered native soil reinforced with geogrid; slope stabilization with geo-jute erosion control fabric; installation of a temporary irrigation system; replanting with native and drought-tolerant vegetation; and reconstruction of the affected segment of the bike path.

Currently, the ecological condition of the overall slope is poor, consisting primarily of invasive weeds and ground squirrel burrows. The proposed stabilization and restoration measures will substantially improve habitat quality, reduce erosion potential, and enhance long-term slope resilience. By reintroducing native vegetation and stabilizing soils, the project will result in meaningful environmental and recreational benefits.

The City's proposed approach is consistent with State Parks' Sea Level Rise Guidance, which emphasizes the use of nature-based solutions where feasible and recommends structural protection of existing development only when the long-term benefits are

commensurate with the value of the infrastructure and will not adversely affect beach or nearshore resources (DOM 307.3.2.1, Coastal Development Siting Policy). Notably, the project does not propose new hard armoring, but instead relies on geofabric reinforcement and native revegetation to achieve stabilization objectives.

In conclusion, the Orange Coast District of California State Parks supports the City of Huntington Beach's proposed slope remediation project as a necessary and responsible action to protect existing public-serving infrastructure, improve environmental conditions, and enhance the natural values of the park. Allowing continued bluff erosion would only exacerbate existing hazards and further degrade public safety, recreational access, and ecological resources.

We appreciate the City's continued partnership and commitment to maintaining and improving this important coastal resource.

Sincerely,

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