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National Estuarine Research Reserve System Science Collaborative
Graham Sustainability Institute, University of Michigan
625 East Liberty Street, Suite 300
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Subject: Proposed Project, *Bringing Together End Users and Stakeholders to Identify and Evaluate Sea Level Rise Adaptation Options to Solve Road Flooding in China Camp State Park*

Dear Sir/Madam,

The San Pedro Road Coalition (Coalition) is pleased to offer our support for the National Estuarine Research Reserve System (NERRS) Catalyst Grant, *Bringing Together End Users and Stakeholders to Identify and Evaluate Sea Level Rise Adaptation Options to Solve Road Flooding in China Camp State Park*. The purpose of our non-profit organization is to promote the interests of the residents of the San Pedro Road corridor. Some additional information about the Coalition is enclosed with this letter and a great deal more information is available on our website, www.sprcoalition.org.

We are enthusiastic about this collaboration between the California Department of Parks and Recreation (owner of China Camp State Park), Marin County (responsible for the shoreline road through the park), the San Francisco Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve (of which China Camp State Park is a component), and numerous end users and stakeholders.

Residents in our community are concerned because the shoreline road through China Camp floods several times a year on higher high tides, will flood more often, longer and deeper with sea level rise, and it limits hydrologic connectivity to inland marshes. The road serves as a critical local and regional emergency access corridor. Adapting this road for sea level rise resiliency, marsh ecological integrity, public use, and public safety is therefore critical. This project will initiate collaborative adaptation planning by bringing together landowners and managers, key decision makers, local public safety authorities, residents of our and other neighboring communities, and Park recreational users to develop and evaluate a suite of possible solutions and to lay out the path to move forward.

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The Coalition is particularly focused on improving the resiliency of the China Camp shoreline road because this corridor serves as our residents' primary "lifeline" for evacuation and emergency response should Point San Pedro Road become impassable. Further the degradation of the China Camp shoreline road is a serious safety threat and threatens the preservation of the China Camp wetlands. For these reasons, we are pleased by the initiative of the San Francisco Bay NERRS, Marin County, and State Parks to begin this important collaborative sea level rise adaptation planning effort.

We very much appreciate your consideration of this timely and important proposal and encourage your full support. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Kati Miller, Secretary San Pedro Road Coalition Board, at kati@sprcoalition.org.

Sincerely,

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