



April 4, 2017

Commissioner Diane Wittenburg, Chair  
California State Park & Recreation Commission  
P.O. Box 942896 Sacramento, CA  
94296-0001

Re: Carmel Area State Parks Public Meeting

Dear Commissioner Wittenburg,

On behalf of the Point Lobos Foundation (PLF), I'd like to thank the commission for its visit to the Carmel area on March 24. The invitation to participate as valued partners in both the morning tour and the afternoon meeting is greatly appreciated, as is the time each commissioner gave to be here for our community.

The Carmel Area State Parks general plan is clearly an important topic to stakeholders in the area. While the PLF shares many of the concerns expressed during the public meeting, we also believe that a broader approach is necessary to begin addressing regional issues like traffic and overuse.

California has changed dramatically since the last general plan for this area was adopted in 1979. We are connected today in ways that expose more people to the beauty of these natural areas who then want to experience these places in person. Adaptive management is necessary to address the impacts that increased demand and access bring.

We see this general plan as a critical step towards serving the public and protecting the fragile natural resources that make these parks so appealing. Thank you for moving this process forward so that we may continue to support the wise management of Carmel Area State Parks.

Sincerely,

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