



*City of Pismo Beach  
City Council  
760 Mattie Road  
Pismo Beach, CA 93449  
805-773-4657*

---

April 6, 2007

Board of Supervisors  
County Government Center  
1055 Monterey Street, Suite D430  
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408

Subject: Letter of support for the sale of County-owned land to the State of California.

Historically, generations of Californians and other visitors have used the Pismo/Oceano Beach as an area for vehicle access to the beach for the purposes of general recreation. The Pismo Dunes State Vehicle Recreation Area was classified by the State of California on July 12, 1974 and was further set aside for recreational use, as an Off-Highway Vehicle Park. This State Vehicle Recreation Area continues to provide the only place in California where people are allowed to legally drive on the beach.

It is the City's understanding that San Luis Obispo County owns a portion of the State Vehicle Recreation Area and that the State of California has offered to buy that portion of this Area for continued use as an Off-Road Vehicle Park. Approximately 250,000 vehicles access this State Vehicle Area bringing better than 2,000,000 people annually to visit this State Recreation Area.


The City of Pismo Beach derives a significant amount of revenue from the visitors drawn to this State Recreation Vehicle Area and much of the City's future economic planning is dependent on the continuation of this State Recreation Vehicle Area and a change of use on the property would adversely impact the economic well being of our City.

The City Council of the City of Pismo Beach has considered all of the information and public comment associated with the proposed purchase and strongly supports the sale of the above County-owned property to the State of California provided that the area will be continued to be used and managed as a State Vehicle Recreation Area.

Respectfully,

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Mary Ann Reiss, Mayor

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Shelly Higginbotham, Mayor Pro Tem

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Ted Ehring, Councilmember

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Bill Rabenaldt, Councilmember

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Kris Vardas, Councilmember

CC: Randy Bloom, Community Development Director  
Kevin Rice, City Manager  
Mayor and Councilmembers