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Nicolas Papadakis
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Dear Nick:

Thank you for the presentation you and your staff made regarding the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail at the February 7, 2003 Sanctuary Advisory Council meeting.

Attached is a copy of the final resolution that was unanimously adopted by the Advisory Council in support of the trail.

We appreciate your efforts on behalf of the trail and look forward to continuing to work with you and others to complete this exciting and worthwhile project.

Sincerely,

William J. Douros
Superintendent



**MONTEREY BAY NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY ADVISORY COUNCIL
RESOLUTION 2-03
IN SUPPORT OF THE
MONTEREY BAY SANCTUARY SCENIC TRAIL**

Whereas, the *Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail* is proposed as a multi-use recreation and interpretive pathway that links existing and newly established trail segments into a continuous coastal trail around Monterey Bay; and

Whereas, the trail will provide a critical link in the California Coastal Trail; and

Whereas, the trail will invite pedestrians and bicyclists to “experience” the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary from vantage points on land; and

Whereas, the trail will be located and designed to respect residential, agricultural and environmentally sensitive surroundings; and

Whereas, through interpretive features, visitors will increase their appreciation and sense of stewardship for one of the most ecologically unusual and scenic water bodies in the world; and

Whereas, the interpretive program will also promote environmentally sensitive trail use; and

Whereas, the trail will provide a regional transportation alternative to the automobile; and

Whereas, the trail would be located on public land where appropriate, or negotiated rights-of-way either purchased or leased from private landowners or managers; and

Whereas, as a recreational amenity the trail offers an economic advantage to the communities through which it passes:

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT the Sanctuary Advisory Council of the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary on this date February 7, 2003 joins the other agencies and non-governmental organizations working to create the *Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail*; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Sanctuary Advisory Council of the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary supports siting, design and implementation of the trail in accordance with these principles: *proximity* to the sea; *connectivity* to places people want to go; *integrity* as a continuous, non-motorized route; *respect* for natural habitats, cultural and archaeological features, private property, neighborhoods and agricultural operations along the route; and *feasibility* of achieving timely, tangible results with available resources; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that State and Federal elected representatives are urged to secure and provide in a timely manner sufficient funds for planning, implementation and maintenance of the *Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail*.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY the Sanctuary Advisory Council of the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary, this 7th day of February, 2003. Vote: 15 in favor; 0 opposed.



Stephanie Harlan
Chair