

**From:** Lisa Ketcham  
**Subject:** Montara SB  
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**To:** Paul Keel <pkeel@parks.ca.gov>

Hi Paul,

Tim Duff suggested I contact you in regard to State Park public access and private encroachments along Montara shoreline south of the beach itself -- issues raised in the 10/24 Midcoast Community Council (MCC) presentation:

<http://www.midcoastcommunitycouncil.org/storage/issues/parks/2012-10-MontaraViews.pdf>

Supervisor Don Horsley attended that meeting and has requested that Deputy County Manager Peggy Jensen attend our 11/14 meeting to address the issues raised. I'm hoping you or another State Parks person could also attend on 11/14.

Slide 15 introduces the issues on the headland just south of Montara Beach. The adjacent property owner will not allow access via the 5th St right-of-way and says that the entire state blufftop parcel with its spectacular views is closed to the public (though obviously not to them). Is this true? It appears their landscaping with non-natives and irrigation may extend onto state parkland on the west and also north of the 4th St ROW.

Slide 14, a view north from Seacliff (6th) shows wire fencing in the near view and a grey masonry wall in the distance at 5th which apparently encroach onto the Marine Walk and state parkland and detract from or obstruct the view. The attached survey shows the west end of Seacliff is in line with the west boundary of the adjacent parcel to the north. The survey also shows the masonry wall bordering 5th St. extends west onto Marine Walk and state parkland. Can something be done about these apparent encroachments?

Though not included in the 10/24 presentation, the 8th St. landslide restoration project is also being reviewed by the MCC. There is an informal trail on 8th St ROW north of the ravine down to the granitic beach. This trail, very steep in places, is the only access to this stunningly beautiful stretch of state beach from 8th north to Seacliff. The landslide restoration area will be much more gradually sloped and an inviting attraction for easier beach access. Rather than let the inevitable informal trail develop and possibly cause erosion, it seems like very simple rustic landscape timber steps staked into the restored slope would provide improved coastal access and protect the slope from damage. According to the landowner's representative Norbert Dall, there are no objections from the landowner, but it is more a matter of funding and permission from other agencies involved. Has State Parks considered this, and do you have any ideas for funding and how this could be accomplished?

Sincerely,  
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