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Marin County Board of Supervisors
Marin Civic Center
3501 Civic Center Drive
San Rafael, CA 94903

Re: Interim Uses at Whaler's Point, 258 and 260 Redwood Highway, Mill Valley

Dear Supervisors:

Marin Conservation League has reviewed the Staff report and proposed resolution amending the Board of Supervisors' May 10, 1988 action to allow continuation of interim uses at the Whaler's Point property.

We agree with the Staff report that existing uses on the property can continue for up to five years, but that appropriate action must be taken to minimize the effects associated with uses that are both incompatible with the surrounding area and in conflict with the property's zoning. These actions include: correcting hazardous electrical connections; obtaining authorization for use of portable toilets; screening of uses from off-site locations with perimeter landscaping (natives and/or non-invasive species only!) and repair of the fence; removal of trailers, buses, and RVs; and removal of animals except for purposes of security. This last item is presented as a recommendation only. We feel that cats, in particular, should not be permitted to remain, in that the nearby tidal salt marshes are inhabited by the endangered California clapper rail and other bird species that would be easy prey.

With these suggestions, we support the Staff report and proposed Resolution. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

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