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**RE: Bolinas Mesa Zone 5 Tree Hazardous Removal and Restoration (Bolinas Eucalyptus Project)**

Coastal Permit Submittal, Project ID P3413

Dear Ms. Cardoza,

The Bolinas Eucalyptus Project (BEP) and Bolinas Community Public Utility District (BCPUD) are pleased to submit documentation in support of a Coastal Permit Application for Bolinas Mesa Zone 5 Hazardous Tree Removal and Restoration.

This project strives to enhance public safety by removing an aging and declining stand of approximately 1,130 Tasmanian blue gum (*Eucalyptus globulus*) situated on a critical access and egress route for the town of Bolinas, which is also a key connection between the town, the school, and the firehouse, and the only vehicular route to the southern end of Point Reyes National Seashore. Forest health evaluations conducted independently by three certified foresters all concluded that the entire grove is highly susceptible to tree falls from storms, a conclusion born out during the last two winters when tree falls resulted in closures of Mesa and/or Olema-Bolinas roads and power outages in Bolinas. In the past year alone one or both roads were closed by downed trees numerous times totaling approximately 300 hours. Clearly, the size and instability of the grove represents a very real threat to public safety. Two people thus far have sustained serious life-altering injuries due to tree falls. The removal of these hazardous trees will enhance the safety of residents and visitors alike. The project's goal is to remove the hazardous grove as soon as possible, with tree removal targeted for the Summer of 2025.

Following removal of the Zone 5 grove, BEP will revegetate the portion of the site located on BCPUD land with a mix of locally native species that will enhance the overall ecological health of the project area. Planting will focus on habitat for native wildlife, including pollinators, by incorporating a diversity of early spring, late fall, and winter blooming nectar-producing plants. Additionally, the planting design will strive to enhance fire resiliency by incorporating fire-safe design principles and coordinating with local fire experts throughout the design process.

This project will result in improvements to public safety, ensure reliable and safe emergency access and evacuation routes for the community of Bolinas, and create a diverse and dynamic native landscape that will provide a range of habitat benefits for native wildlife and pollinators.

Please don't hesitate to contact us with any questions or comments. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Bolinas Eucalyptus Project and Bolinas Community Public Utility District

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In addition to this cover letter, please find the following documents attached to this application; these and other documents are contained in the BEP website: [boeucs.org](http://boeucs.org)

1. Application Form
2. Project Plans
3. Biological Site Assessment (WRA)
4. Follow-up Memorandum on Bolinas Eucalyptus Project (Creekside Science)
5. Initial Assessment of Monarch Butterfly Overwintering Habitat in Bolinas, CA (Creekside Science)
6. Arborist Report, Eucalyptus Hazard Assessment and Management Recommendations Zone 5 Stand at Mesa and Olema Bolinas Roads (Arborscience, LLC)
7. The Bolinas Eucalyptus Project Inventory: Zone 5, A Report on the Inventory of Bolinas Utility District and Adjoining Trees in Zone 5 (Tom Gaman)
8. Eucalyptus Stand Assessment (Urban Forestry Associates, Inc.)
9. Victim Impact Statement