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The Honorable Mark Stone  
California State Assembly  
State Capitol Building  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: AB 1129 (Stone) – Coastal Resources: Structures: Beach Access and Protection NOTICE OF OPPOSITION (As amended on 4/26/17)**

Dear Assembly Member Stone:

On behalf of the City of Pismo Beach, we must respectfully oppose your Assembly Bill (AB) 1129, which would impair the ability to protect structures on our coast, resulting in negative impacts to housing, business and the economy.

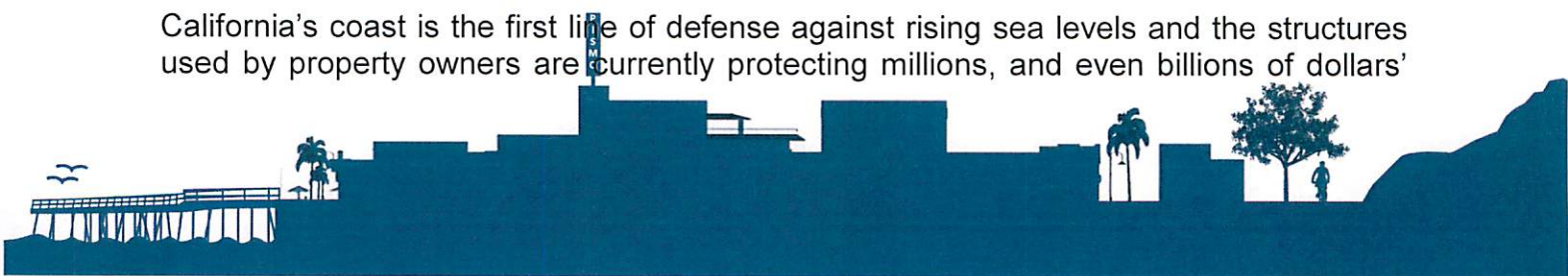
The bill prohibits coastal properties and infrastructure built after January 1, 1977, from armoring and protecting against erosion and rising sea levels. The bill will also put additional pressure on property owners, infrastructure managers and local governments during times of emergency. The proposed law also requires that any measures performed in an emergency to be rendered temporary and subject to administrative penalties if a coastal development permit is not authorized after construction.

The City shares your passion for the California coast—ensuring access for visitors and residents, as well as preserving its splendor for all to enjoy. However, we also firmly believe in property owners' ability to protect their homes and businesses from damage.

The protection of coastal structures is not only critical for property owners, but also for our local economy. Assembly Bill 1129 has the potential to severely, negatively impact the local and California economies through the loss of customers for local businesses, reduction in housing for all income levels, and loss of tax revenue.

The City of Pismo Beach agrees with a number of statewide business and housing associations opposing AB 1129 who emphasize the legislation will result in uncertainty for property owners and infrastructure managers. Delay, and even denial, of the protection of coastal communities and amenities will result in costly litigation.

California's coast is the first line of defense against rising sea levels and the structures used by property owners are currently protecting millions, and even billions of dollars'



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worth of existing land and structures. For these reasons, the City of Pismo Beach opposes AB 1129.

Sincerely,



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Mayor

cc: Senator Bill Monning, 17<sup>th</sup> District  
Assembly Member Jordan Cunningham, 35<sup>th</sup> District

