

## **Westport Municipal Advisory Council**

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September 8, 2011

Fred Tarr Department of Planning and Building Services 501 Low Gap Road, Room 1440 Ukiah, CA 95482

Re: CDB 25-2011 Cutino/Risse Boundary Adjustment

Dear Fred:

The Westport Municipal Advisory Council held a hearing on the cited permit September 6. The WMAC recommends conditional approval and passed this motion unanimously:

Consistent with Local Coastal Plan (especially Policy 3.6-5), the developers should be required prior to the issuance of the permit to record an offer to dedicate an easement for public access purposes as shown on the attached map within the southern portion of Assessor's Parcel 015-310-10. The 43 foot width at the north end of the proposed easement corresponds with the southwest corner of a wide section of Caltrans ROW to the north. The easement will taper to 25 feet in width at the south, providing a connection to the Kibesillah Trail currently being constructed immediately south by the Mendocino Land Trust.

WMAC inquiries suggest the State Coastal Conservancy may be willing to fund either: a) the acquisition of the easement; or b) purchase of fee title to the approximately 0.25 acre area shown on the map. To investigate those prospects, contact is suggested with Louisa Morris, the Director of Trails and Conservation Programs at MLT (PO Box 1094, Mendocino, CA 95460). She can be reached at (707) 962-0470 or by email at lmorris@mendocinolandtrust.org.

This easement is critical for establishing a continuous coastal trail consistent with LCP Policies and the *Westport Area Integrated Multi-Use Coastal Trail Plan* that will be finalized this month with a Caltrans community based transportation grant (see http://www.westportmac.org/trail.jsp).

Sincerely,

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Cc: Louisa Morris, Mendocino Land Trust Jesse Robertson, Caltrans District 1

