

RESOLUTION NO. 3740-2014

A RESOLUTION OF THE FORT BRAGG CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AND RECORD THE GLASS BEACH EASEMENT WITH THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PARKS & RECREATION FOR A PORTION OF GLASS BEACH HEADLANDS FOR THE FORT BRAGG COASTAL TRAIL

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Bragg ("City") proposes to develop a park on an approximately 93 acre site ("Project Site") on the western edge of the City adjacent to the Pacific Ocean. The Project Site is bordered on the north by the Pudding Creek Trestle Bridge, on the east by Glass Beach Drive and the Georgia-Pacific Mill Site, on the south by Noyo Point Road and Noyo Bay, and on the west by the Pacific Ocean and MacKerricher State Park. The Project Site consists of the following APNs 008-010-22/24/34/35, 008-020-10/11/12 & 018-430-04/08/10/11; and

WHEREAS, the project ("Project") is proposed to consist of the following: removal of approximately 18 acres of asphalt and packed gravel on the Project Site, and restoration of this area; construction of storm water infiltration and conveyance systems; construction of 4.5 miles of new multi-use and pedestrian-only trails stretching from the Pudding Creek Trestle Bridge south to Soldier Bay, and from the City's wastewater treatment facility to the Noyo Bridge; construction of a new parking lot and access road at the end of Elm Street and a new parking lot at the southern end of the runway with an access road from either Cypress Street or Noyo Point Road; construction of two welcome centers, three restrooms, bicycle parking racks, 16 interpretive panels and a variety of safety signage, and perimeter and habitat protection fencing; and

WHEREAS, on February 10, 2014, the City Council certified a Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Project pursuant to CEQA; Title 14, California Code of Regulations, Section 15000 et seq. ("CEQA Guidelines"); and the City's CEQA Implementation Procedures; and

WHEREAS, the City Council approved amendments to the Coastal Development Permit (CDP 10-10/14), Design Review Permit (DR-11-10/14) and Variance (VAR 2-11/14) for the project on February 10, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the City Council authorized the City Manager to execute a Right of Entry Permit from the California Department of Parks & Recreation (State Parks) in order to construct a portion of the California Coastal Trail and associated improvements on the Glass Beach Headlands at MacKerricher State Park in May of 2014; and

WHEREAS, a permanent easement would allow the City to maintain the approximately 750 linear feet of the Fort Bragg Coastal Trail multi-use trail that is under construction, through the right of entry permit, on the unimproved gravel road that leads from Elm Street to Glass Beach; and

WHEREAS, a permanent easement will allow the City to maintain the much-needed public parking lot and plumbed restrooms that will serve visitors to the Glass Beach headlands and the Fort Bragg Coastal Trail. A small strip of the parking lot will be located on State Parks'

property (2 feet by 350 feet) and about 25% of the restroom will be located on State Parks' property; and

WHEREAS, all of the proposed facilities will be constructed, operated and maintained by the City of Fort Bragg; and

WHEREAS, State Parks Superintendent Loren Rex and the California State Park Acquisition and Real Property Services Division have agreed to the Permanent Easement form and purpose.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Fort Bragg, does hereby authorize the City Manager to record the Glass Beach Easement (AGREEMENT AND GRANT OF EASEMENT PARK FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS FOR COASTAL PUBLIC ACCESS) with the County Recorder.

The above and foregoing Resolution was introduced by Councilmember Deitz, seconded by Councilmember Hammerstrom, and passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Fort Bragg held on the 8th day of September, 2014, by the following vote:

AYES:	Councilmembers Courtney, Deitz, Hammerstrom, Kraut, and Mayor Turner.
NOES:	None.
ABSENT:	None.
ABSTAIN:	None.



DAVE TURNER,
Mayor

ATTEST:


Cynthia M. VanWormer, MMC
City Clerk