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Anton Dahlerbruch, City Manager
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Dear Mr. Dahlerbruch:

Thank you for your prompt response, by letter dated June 7th, 2016, to our letter dated June 6th, and for describing in your letter the steps you are suggesting the City will take to address the unpermitted stone fort located at the City's shoreline park on Lunada Bay. Our staff geotechnical specialists are prepared to review the geotechnical report that you indicate in your letter the City is currently preparing, and which, as we understand, will explore options for removal of the fort.

In the meantime, the intent of the program of public access and amenity improvements we suggested was to propose actions the City could take in the interim, while resolving the more complicated questions involving the removal of the fort, and to propose steps that the City may implement much more quickly than removal of the fort. However, your latest submittal did not include a response regarding the public access improvements we suggested as a step toward resolving the situation. As you know, we hoped that making access improvements, including but not limited to improvements to trails, signage, benches and viewing binoculars, could both clarify the public nature of the area, and help educate all parties about the public rights here, and thereby defuse conflicts. All indications from reports we have received and from our last meeting suggest that you are not moving forward with these improvements; however, we hope that this is not the case, and that you will submit the public access improvement plan described in our June 6th letter by the July 6th, 2016 deadline included in that letter.

Again, we would like to work with you to ensure unfettered public access to the coast at Lunada Bay and hope you share our concerns and desire to do so. If no action is taken by the City by July 6, we will consider all of our options to remedy this situation. Staff is available to meet and discuss this issue and the public access and amenity improvements noted above. To arrange a meeting, or to discuss this letter, please contact me at (562) 590-5071.

Sincerely,


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Enforcement Officer

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