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**Half Moon Bay Mayor Bonnie McClung Praises California Assembly
for Passing AB 1991 With Bi-Partisan Support**

Assembly Members Vote for Special Rescue Bill, Defeating Misinformation Campaign by Opponents; AB 1991 Now Moves to Senate

CITY OF HALF MOON BAY, Calif. – Half Moon Bay Mayor Bonnie McClung reacted today to the California Assembly’s 45 to 19 vote in favor of AB 1991, the special rescue bill that will allow the City to avoid an \$18 million payment in settlement of a \$41.1 million court-imposed liability. “With this vote, the City is one step closer to achieving the best possible resolution to the Beachwood litigation and avoiding a multi-generation burden on the City if AB 1991 fails,” said Mayor McClung.

As a result of today’s vote, AB 1991 will be sent to the Senate. If the Senate passes the bill and Governor Schwarzenegger signs it into law, the vesting tentative maps for Beachwood and Glenree, which were originally approved in 1990, would be reinstated, allowing in-fill subdivisions on these properties. AB 1991 is narrowly drafted so that it only applies to these two properties, and requires the presence of three facts unique to this situation that, in effect, combined into a perfect storm: (1) the wetland conditions on Beachwood are man-made, accidentally resulting from a City drainage project; (2) development was approved in 1990 after a review found no environmental impact; and (3) the City faced a court-imposed liability that would have bankrupted the City. The bill states that without these three facts, the bill cannot be used as precedent.

Despite the limited nature of AB 1991, the California Coastal Commission staff has repeatedly attempted to derail the bill. Earlier this morning, Half Moon Bay Mayor Bonnie McClung announced the launch of a truth squad page, <http://www.half-moon-bay.ca.us/truthsquad>, which the City will use to list and refute any false or misleading statements made by opponents of AB 1991.

“It is unfortunate that the Commission staff continues to consistently and repeatedly make misleading statements, despite multiple corrections by the City. The City has consistently provided the true facts about this bill and the situation that requires its passage, and I fail to see why the Commission staff is not able to grasp these facts,” said Lanny Davis, an attorney for Half Moon Bay and partner at Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe. “I’m happy to say that the Assembly’s vote in favor of AB 1991 was based on these unique facts, not the Commission’s false claims, and I trust that the Senate will decide on the same basis.”