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TO: Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee
FROM: Ron Munds, General Manager
SUBJECT: **Agenda Item 3 – 08/16/2022 Parks & Recreation Meeting**
Save Cuesta Inlet Initiative

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DISCUSSION

The Cuesta Inlet has been a longstanding community amenity that residents have been able to enjoy. Many people do not know that it is under private ownership and the owners have allowed the public access and use for decades. Recently, the owners put the 13-acres up for sale with an asking price of \$1 million. The property is zoned for recreational use and single-family housing. It's also designated in the coastal zone as an archeologically sensitive area, wetland, flood hazard area and sensitive resource area which diminishes and limits the development potential of the parcels.

Community members formed a non-profit, Save Cuesta Inlet, with a mission to purchase the property. Once purchased, it is the group's intent to turn the property over to an entity for long-term management and maintenance of the area. Staff have had several conversations with the members of the group as they try to sort out their next steps. There may or may not be a role for the District in this initiative, but it warrants a discussion to gain a better understanding of the initiative and get the committee's input.

Committee member Andrea Lueker is also a member of the Save Cuesta Inlet group and will provide the committee with more information at the meeting.

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