



November 1, 2001

Norman La Force, Chair
East Bay Public Lands Subcommittee
Sierra Club

Re: **Eastshore State Park - Requests for Immediate Prohibitions**

Dear Mr. ^{Norman} La-Force:

I have been asked to respond to your October 15 and 18, 2001 letters addressed to President John Sutter and Members of the Board regarding your requests for immediate prohibition of certain uses in portions of Eastshore State Park. My understanding is that you are requesting 1) immediate prohibition of dogs off leash, especially in the Berkeley Meadow, the Albany Beach, and the North Pt. Isabel areas; and 2) immediate prohibition of pumpkin/Christmas tree sales at the Berkeley Meadow.

As you are aware, a public investment of close to \$30 million has been made to acquire this area from developers, and the Eastshore State Park Planning Process has been designed to meet the Park's fundamental purpose of being a recreational facility harmonious with its natural setting. As part of the Planning Process, a Management Steering Committee has been formed with representatives from the Park District, the California Department of Parks and Recreation, and the California State Coastal Conservancy. The Steering Committee provides administrative direction and assistance regarding Eastshore State Park issues including interim land use issues such as this. The Steering Committee is scheduled to discuss your requests at its next meeting later this month.

Thank you for your comments, and we look forward to your continuing positive participation in the Planning Process.

Sincerely,

Larry Tong
Interagency Planning Manager

cc: Board of Directors
P. O'Brien
D. Fassler
Eastshore State Park Management Steering Committee
D. Steele, Citizens for the Eastshore State Park
A. Feinstein, Golden Gate Audubon Society
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