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To: Karl Schwing
District Director, San Diego Coast
California Coastal Commission

Re: F14a - Application 6-24-0382 (California Dept. of Parks and Recreation, Torrey Pines State Natural Reserve)

Honorable Commissioners,

The Surfrider Foundation is a nonprofit grassroots organization dedicated to the protection and enjoyment of our world's ocean, waves, and beaches, for all people, through a powerful network. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this project, which has our full support.

Surfrider would like to commend both California State Parks and the Coastal Commission for their excellent work on this project. If there was a poster child for how to maintain public coastal access while causing minimal environmental harm, this project might be it.

We agree with State Parks that the existing staircase has become a safety hazard and is in need of replacement, and appreciate their thoughtful approach to design a safer, minimally invasive replacement that requires no armoring and is above-grade to allow storm runoff to flow underneath. We also support Commission staff's proposed Special Conditions intended to minimize impacts to public access during peak visitor season, to protect sensitive environmental resources including birds, and to respect cultural resources including those that belong to local tribes.

The coastal access staircase at Torrey Pines is beloved by many in the community, and we truly appreciate your stewardship and commitment to public access. We can't wait to use the new staircase once it's complete!

Sincerely,

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