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Dear Mr. Hunter,

Thank you for meeting with the Seacliff Drive/Oakhill Road neighbors concerned about the possibility of retroactively approving the coastal bluff top landscaping features at the Mocus-Tseu house at 735 Seacliff Drive in Aptos.

Current photos of the bluff-top stone wall and firepit show them as built on a boggy lawn.

As a fellow bluff-top home owner, I am requesting that an approval be extended to include Coastal Commission review of an installed drainage system that draws rain and garden maintenance water away from the bluff and removal of the existing top-heavy stone wall.

Run-off and standing water compromises the compressed sandstone coastal bluff. The fragility of one yard unfortunately affects the stability of the entire bluff.

The downslope Las Olas Drive Homeowners Association sends an annual reminder that, as upslope property owners, we bear a legal responsibility to prevent and maintain our bluff-top properties to the highest and humanly possible standard.

I am troubled by the lack of a submitted drainage plan and the unnecessary weight of the current stone wall along the crest of the bluff ridge.

Therefore, I am requesting an installed drainage plan be submitted for review and approval by the Coastal Commission and that an approval includes removal of the existing top-heavy stone wall.

Sincerely,

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