



**CORDELL BANK NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY
SANCTUARY ADVISORY COUNCIL**

September 4, 2015

Colonel Christopher C. Conlin, USMC (Ret)
Acting Deputy Director
California Division of Boating and Waterways
One Capitol Mall, Suite 410
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RE: Coastal Data Information Program Buoys – Station ID 029, Point Reyes

Dear Colonel Conlin:

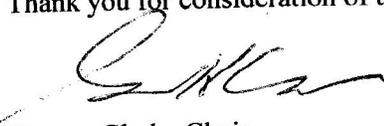
I write on behalf of the Advisory Council to the Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary (CBNMS). Further information regarding the Advisory Council is at <http://cordellbank.noaa.gov/council/welcome.html>.

At a regular meeting of the Advisory Council on August 10, 2015, we discussed the concerns expressed by Michael Carver, Deputy Director of CBNMS, regarding the possibility of losing Coastal Data Information Program (CDIP) buoys along the coast of California, especially the buoy within CBNMS, just south of Cordell Bank (CDIP Station ID 029 – Point Reyes), as a result of the proposed decreases in funding by the California Department of Parks and Recreation, Division of Boating and Waterways for the CDIP buoys in California.

For the reasons expressed in Mr. Carver's letter to you dated July 28, 2015, a copy of which is attached, the Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council voted unanimously to authorize me, as Chair, to write you in support of his request that your organization reconsider reducing CDIP program funding, and specifically, that you continue providing funding that will keep Station 029 operational.

Please contact the undersigned or Mr. Carver for any questions or further information.

Thank you for consideration of this request,


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