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To: [CSLC CommissionMeetings](#)
Subject: Fw: Crockett and the Old Nantucket Restaurant and thoughts for renewal
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Attention: This email originated from outside of SLC and should be treated with extra caution.

To: California State Lands Commission

I was born and raised in Crockett. In my childhood, the C&H was owned by the 5 families from Hawaii, it was a beautiful town. I have great hopes that it can be revived.

With the Old Nantucket and the old pier being torn down, a new era can open up for Crockett. I am hoping that the CSLC will help Crockett revitalize. Since being a life long Crocketter, I was at the CSLC meeting opposing the cogeneration plant that was approved and gained wattage at the same meeting. A cogeneration plant of this size and wattage had never before been placed in a populated area.

The very sad realization is that Crockett has paid taxes into the development of Bart from the beginning, but there will never be a terminal in Crockett. Crockett has a train going through it, with no stop (there is still the Crockett railroad station that could be a stop and a museum!). Minimal bus service is offered to Crockett. Crockett is starting to get discovered and because it is inexpensive for the Bay Area, families are moving in. How nice to pick up a train...go to the newly discovered beach and marina. I know that the old restaurant and pier need to be removed, but am hoping that we can utilize this unique property to revitalize Crockett and offer recreational activities for the greater good.

As an additional thought, I have a daughter that lives in Australia. When I see how they work their transportation it is inspiring. They have a circular key with ferries coming from all over Sydney & outlying area up from the headlands into this circular key. When passengers arrive, buses, trains, autos are available to get them to their destinations. The San Francisco Bay Area could easily do this from Benicia to San Francisco. Wouldn't it be nice to have a ferry stop at the site of the old Nantucket restaurant! Why not....and a train stop as well. Let's give it a go!

Stay well and safe,
Maryjane Slade

PS

I'm sorry that we missed the 12/9/20 virtual town hall meeting.

Crockett is a little gem of the Bay Area. We are hoping that decisions are being made to revitalize the docks and rent out the mooring space, as well as allow a new restaurant. At one time boats were moored there due to the large amount of striped bass in the Carquinez Straits...now it could be to enjoy the waters of the Carquinez Straits. Crockett could be a stopping off point for a ferry or a high speed train. The Bay Area needs as many traffic alternatives as possible.

We would also like to see the C&H bins either painted or taken down, as they are over 70 years old and not maintained and are an eye sore to the town.

Please advise what decisions have been made....

Thank you,
Happy Holidays,
Maryjane Moutinho Slade

Subject line:

August 25, 2021 Speaker Comment
D'Arcy Trask
Crockett residents

Item number: 40, [CALIFORNIA STATE LANDS COMMISSION \(PARTY\)](#): Authorize staff to enter into contracts for removal activities along the Crockett Waterfront near the Carquinez Bridge, Contra Costa County. CEQA Consideration: categorical exemptions. (W27249) (A 14; S 3) (Staff: V. Caldwell).

Want to speak, Attending via videoconference

Call in numbers: 715 or 265 (TBD)

To the Chair and Members of the State Lands Commission Board:

We are writing this letter on behalf of the Crockett residents to inform you of our vision of the Crockett Waterfront. A vision of waterfront access, recreation, commerce and economic development. We would like to formally request the following changes to your agencies project description plan:

- Change and modify **Phase 1** (removal of the Nantucket Restaurant) to **Phase 3** with the following project description changes:
 - Maintain the current utilities: water, swing power/gas line meters and sewer, septic tank.
 - Keep the piles and building structure, but continue to include the removal of interior debris and asbestos abatement.

This will allow for future environmentally sound repurposing and economic development in this Environmental Justice community.

- **Phase 2 would become Phase 1** with the following project description changes:
 - **Phase 2, Section d:** remove the "Army Pier" walkway but keep the support piles for future development.

This action would not halt the clean-up progress but rather enable the community to investigate stakeholder options and continuation of the existing Vision Plan (2018) for this site. The Nantucket lease termination was executed in December of 2018, and an application for leasing the site was entered between new developers. In February of 2021, this application was pulled by the developers, due to costs associated with upgrading the pedestrian crossing. This community-driven process has been hampered by State-imposed COVID-19 restrictions. In the time since COVID-19, the restaurant industry has declined. This additional layer of difficulty has greatly hampered our ability to find new prospective stakeholders. We understand the safety issues around this building and dilapidated marina; however, we are committed to finding funding for

security solutions, including, but not limited to, fencing and the installation of security cameras at the site.

We have reviewed the historical data on the site and found that after the construction and opening of the 1927 Carquinez Bridge, the Southern Pacific Railroad Company backfilled a considerable section of the Crockett shoreline to create a straighter path for its trains. This new right-of-way eliminated the curve at Horseshoe Bend. This new and more linear path meant saving valuable time by not having to reduce train speed through the turn. Before this massive backfill project, the original shoreline was dotted with many piers, including residences, businesses, and a public beach. Port Costa Lumber Company, Tilden Lumber Company, the hotel at Vallejo Junction, and the Amador ferry slip were all removed during this project. After the backfill project was complete, the railroad entered into an agreement with Mr. Dowrelio to reestablish the Crockett waterfront.

The Dowrelio family built a beautiful harbor which included berth space for boats large and small, a marine machine shop, a family restaurant, and a new beach for Crockett residents. The community has enjoyed this area as a place to affordably meet with friends and family. This scenario is precisely what the SLC addresses in their mission statement and recently adopted Environmental Justice Policy.

In your report regarding the Nantucket building, it was concluded that the "building is potentially historically significant under California Register of Historical Resources (California Register) Criterion 2 for its association with Tony Dowrelio, but it does not retain sufficient integrity to convey its significance", however, the entire marina is a historical site. We feel that this location has been mismanaged for decades. The community deserves a chance to save this wonderful space and re-envision the potential opportunities for commerce and recreation in this small town.

It is vitally important that the State Lands Commission reconsider this historic community site's demolition and improve one of the only remaining shoreline areas in Contra Costa County that can be brought back as a functioning waterfront district. We are planning to begin the process of making this site a historical landmark. So instead, we ask that you simply support our ongoing negotiations with the Union Pacific Railroad, Contra Costa County, and C&H Sugar regarding the closure of public access to this waterfront. Access to our waterways is a public right that has been expressed in California's Act of Admission, the California State Constitution, and federal law.

It is our hope that the State Land Commission will support us in these negotiations and do whatever it can to ensure that our waterfront remains open, free, and accessible to our community.

"Thank you for your consideration. Resident of Crockett"

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