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Paul Mugan, Chair Seaside Planning Commission 440 Harcourt Avenue Seaside, CA 93955

Subject: American Youth Hostel Project

Dear Chair Mugan and Planning Commissioners:

LandWatch Monterey County urges the Commission to support the American Youth Hostel project. The Youth Hostel Parcel is adjacent to CSUMB to the north and the Department of Defense Manpower Data Center building to the south. The project to be completed in five major phases over about ten years includes the renovation and additions to three of the buildings and relocation and renovation of one building.

LandWatch supports development on existing urban areas within the Former Fort Ord, and we urge the Commission to approve the project. The American Youth Hostel project is a great opportunity for the city of Seaside to attract tourists and revitalize a dilapidated part of the former Fort Ord.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Amy L. White Executive Director