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Save Cuesta Inlet Celebrates \$60,000 Contribution to Conservation Campaign

Morro Bay National Estuary Program partners with Save Cuesta Inlet to protect access and habitat.

Morro Bay, CA — Save Cuesta Inlet, the grassroots nonprofit working to acquire and preserve the Cuesta Inlet property, proudly announces a **\$60,000 contribution** from the Morro Bay National Estuary Program. This major gift strengthens the ongoing community-led effort to secure this beloved site for public access and long-term conservation. “We are deeply grateful, not only for this gift, but for the collaboration it represents,” said Save Cuesta Inlet spokesperson, Margarete Schmidt. “Together, we’re working to protect this beloved place so that future generations can enjoy it as much as we do today.”

According to MBNEP, the decision to contribute was driven by the strong community momentum behind the campaign. “The Cuesta Inlet effort is a powerful example of what local leadership and community vision can achieve,” said Melodie Grubbs, Executive Director of MBNEP. “We’re proud to support this project and excited by the opportunity it creates to preserve access and plan for the future – together.”

That effort by the local community has already brought Save Cuesta Inlet into escrow on the property, but another \$85,000 must be raised by November 30, 2025, to complete the purchase. This will preserve the land for public access and prevent any future commercial development.

Cuesta Inlet has long been a cherished gathering spot where locals and visitors kayak, walk their dogs, birdwatch, explore nature, and spend time with friends and family. Save Cuesta Inlet and MBNEP share a common vision of conservation and stewardship. Together, they are working to sustain a healthy shoreline, safeguard habitats, and keep nature accessible to all.

About Save Cuesta Inlet

Save Cuesta Inlet, Inc. is a grassroots nonprofit dedicated to preserving Cuesta Inlet as a public natural space for recreation, community connection, and ecological balance. Learn more or make a donation at www.savecuestainlet.org

About Morro Bay National Estuary Program

The Morro Bay National Estuary Program works to protect and restore the Morro Bay estuary, its watershed, and the wildlife and people who depend on it. The program partners with local communities, landowners, and organizations to support clean water, healthy habitats, and public enjoyment of the Bay. Learn more at www.mbnep.org