

BOLINAS COMMUNITY PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT

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VIA E-MAIL

Supervisor Dennis Rodoni
Marin County Board of Supervisors
3501 Civic Center Drive
Room 329
San Rafael, California 94903

Re: Letter of Support for the Point Reyes Dark Sky Initiative and for a County Outdoor Lighting Ordinance.

Dear Supervisor Rodoni:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Bolinas Community Public Utility District (“BCPUD”), I am writing to convey the Board’s enthusiastic support for the Dark Sky Initiative in West Marin, known as *Dark Sky Point Reyes*, and the collaborative efforts to designate the Point Reyes National Seashore and surrounding communities as an International Dark Sky Reserve. Our Board also strongly supports the enactment of a Dark Sky outdoor lighting ordinance for Marin County to reduce light pollution and energy waste. The benefits to wildlife, the opportunity for reduced carbon emissions, and the prospect of an improved ability for us all to enjoy the night sky in West Marin – to name just a few of the positive outcomes to be anticipated by the enactment of such an ordinance -- more than justifies County action in this regard.

At a time when our world confronts so many seemingly insurmountable problems, it is encouraging to know that there are actions local governments can take to make meaningful contributions toward reversing some of the negative impacts our built societies have had on the natural world. In communities where light pollution has been reduced, the beneficial impact to bird and other wildlife populations has been immediate. We urge you to lead the effort at the Board of Supervisors to enact a Dark Sky outdoor lighting ordinance and pledge our full support.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jennifer Blackman', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the left.

Jennifer Blackman
General Manager