

From: [kathryn fitzgerald](#)
To: [bos](#)
Subject: Gualala street plan
Date: Wednesday, October 29, 2025 2:12:40 PM

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To the Mendocino Board of Supervisors:

Please please please vote to honor the original mandate that approved a landscape maintenance agreement for the plan that was promised to the people in the Gualala community back in May 2023. Your decision will impact the appearance and beauty of this North Coast gem for decades to come.

We love this town and want to feel proud of it -this plan will help immensely.

Many thanks,

Kathryn and Paul Fitzgerald

approve a landscap agreement for the landscaping plan promised to the Gualala community in May 2023.” A minute or

From: hall@hallkelley.biz
To: [bos](#)
Cc: [Save Gualala](#)
Subject: Gualala Streetscape Plan
Date: Wednesday, October 29, 2025 2:27:16 PM

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Mendocino Board of Supervisors,

20 or so years ago I was on the Gualala Municipal Advisory Council when the streetscape began to be discussed with the county and CalTrans. Meetings were held with presentations by different parties – all had landscaping, simple but adequate.

Now, finally, I'm hoping some forward motion will occur, but landscaping appears to have become an issue. I don't know why, but imagine if you were a local resident and all you saw was pavement downtown ...

So, during your final deliberations, please approve a landscape maintenance agreement for the landscaping plan promised to the Gualala community in May 2023.

Hall Kelley
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From: [Kathye Hitt](#)
To: [bos](#)
Cc: savegualala@gmail.com
Subject: 11/4/25 Gualala CDP 2024-0004 Appeal
Date: Wednesday, October 29, 2025 2:33:13 PM

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I urge you approve a landscape maintenance agreement for the landscaping plan as promised to the Gualala community in May 2023. Don't make our small town look like a 6 lane highway! Do what you promised you would do when all of this redo process started.

Thanks,

Kathye Hitt
33000 S Highway 1
Gualala, CA 95445

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Lucy's repeatedly pulling the football away from Charlie Brown demonstrates an ongoing humiliation and an unending capacity to be deceived... as well as the nature of a broken-trust dynamic. And so once again here we are, hat in hand, asking for what has been repeatedly planned for and promised over two decades by local officials and governmental agencies.

What became of this third "Purpose and Need"? Aaugh!

As I wrote in June 2024 to Ms. Krog of the Mendocino County Planning Department, on behalf of our 12 Gualala Cypress Village Homeowners Association property owners, **"We urge you to collaborate with your Mendocino County counterparts and Caltrans to create the means whereby funding is available for this essential landscaping element of the Gualala Downtown Streetscape Plan"**. I really don't know what else to add.

On behalf of the numerous supportive stakeholders, I hope our Mendocino County Board of Supervisor serves to help restore common sense and integrity to the Gualala Streetscape Plan process.

Bill Mergel, President, Board of Directors

From: [De Williams](#)
To: [bos](#)
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Subject: 11/4/25 Gualala CDP 2024-0004 Appeal
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Please approve a landscape maintenance agreement for the landscaping plan promised to the Gualala community in May 2023.

I am a resident of Gualala.

Deborah Denten
38851 hwy 1, #32

From: [Ely Gilliam](#)
To: [bos](#)
Subject: Landscape plan Gualala
Date: Wednesday, October 29, 2025 3:37:10 PM

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Please approve the landscape plan for the Gualala street improvement plan.

Thank you

Ely Gilliam
Anchor Bay

Sent from my iPhone

From: [P.A.MacLean](#)
To: [bos](#)
Cc: [Save Gualala](#)
Subject: Re: 11/4/25 Gualala CDP 2024-0004 Appeal
Date: Wednesday, October 29, 2025 3:55:41 PM

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Supervisors:

Please, please, do what has long been promised and is long overdue. Approve the Gualala Streetscape plan that includes landscaping through the short stretch of downtown. It is called for in the town general plan. It was called for in citizen public meetings. It is called for by basic good design and good sense to make the core of Gualala attractive to locals and travelers.

The area needs business income and this will help. The downtown can be safer with this project completed without further delay.

Please approve the Streetscape project NOW while money is still available to include the landscaping! We want the plants.

Thank you.

Pam MacLean

From: [Michael Tilles](#)
To: [bos](#)
Cc: SaveGualala@gmail.com
Subject: Re: 11/4/25 Gualala CDP 2024-0004 Appeal
Date: Wednesday, October 29, 2025 6:26:41 PM

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I am writing in hopes that the Board of Supervisors will “*approve a landscape maintenance agreement for the landscaping plan promised to the Gualala community in May 2023.*”

Gualala is the gateway to Mendocino's beautiful coastal roadways. It would be a shame to leave this entry to Mendocino's beauty left as simply a stretch of concrete and asphalt.

Respectfully,
Michael Tilles

From: [David Liebendorfer](#)
To: [bos](#)
Cc: SaveGualala@gmail.com
Subject: 11/4/25 Gualala CDP 2024-0004 Appeal
Date: Wednesday, October 29, 2025 6:39:44 PM

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Hello,

Please approve a landscape maintenance agreement for the landscaping plan promised to the Gualala community in May 2023. The investment in beautifying the main thoroughfare of downtown Gualala will reap countless dividends for generations to come.

Sincerely,
David Liebendorfer
40763 Leeward Road
The Sea Ranch, CA

From: [Dustin Gaer Smith](#)
To: [bos](#)
Cc: SaveGualala@gmail.com
Subject: Gualala's street plan; county maintenance agreement.
Date: Wednesday, October 29, 2025 9:50:38 PM

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I Dustin G Smith, am a resident in Ocean View Estates in Gualala. I've been a resident on the south coast for over 50 years.

The idea that you would not follow through with a maintenance plan for the Gualala Landscaping Street Plan is abhorrent! To deliberately turn our rural community into an urban strip mall is beyond disgusting! The entire reason people visit Gualala during Holidays and for vacations and coastal activities is essentially the rural character. To say nothing for the consideration of local residents such as myself. Having lived here for the many decades I have, and you're going to pave it over in asphalt and concrete without considering the damages to the community is just not appropriate!

Although at the moment the Gualala Community Center is a primary agenda for the community the concerns for the entire community are going to quickly be focusing on the street landscaping plan. Doing the 'right thing' is an absolute necessity.

And the 'right thing' is following through with the maintenance agreement so that Gualala can begin a difficult recovery after the arson attack on the Gualala Community Center. Rebuilding businesses following Covid, is a small part of your responsibility to the county at large.

We're as far away from Ukiah as is possible given our location. But we're definitely part of Mendocino County. Respect the south coast.

Dustin G Smith
Ocean View Estates
Gualala, CA 95445
Sent from my iPad

From: [Alan Cohen](#)
To: [bos](#)
Cc: SaveGualala@gmail.com; [Alan Cohen MD](#); [Lori Cohen](#)
Subject: Re: 11/4/25 Gualala CDP 2024-0004 Appeal
Date: Wednesday, October 29, 2025 11:27:44 PM

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

My name is Alan H Cohen, MD and my family and I live and work adjacent to Gualala in the neighboring community of The Sea Ranch. We do all of our shopping and depend upon Gualala for groceries, healthcare, clothing and restaurants as well as the arts and theatre activities we enjoy at the not for profit Gualala Arts Center as well.

We have come to love the Mendocino and Sonoma coastal region, so much so we sold our home in Silicon Valley and have fully relocated here and we are building a home here as well!

Part of the beauty and charm of this coastal, small town community is the landscaping and natural beauty - which helps to get people driving through our area on Highway #1 to want to spend more time and money here by stopping and parking and visiting our shops and restaurants and galleries and beaches.

Please support the natural beauty of our area and help us by continuing to invest our taxpayer dollars on landscaping and maintenance that our area was promised and has been expecting to help us maintain the beauty and attractiveness of our area.

Please help to investors and maintain the charm and natural beauty of Gualala with improved and long overdo landscaping and care. It is long overdo and it is something that would enhance the area and help us continue to grow and thrive!

Thank you for your continued support and service to our fair city !

Respectfully,

Alan and family

Alan H Cohen, MD
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The Sea Ranch, CA
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Sent from my iPhone

From: [Jeanne Finley](#)
To: [bos](#)
Cc: SaveGualala@gmail.com
Subject: 11/4/25 Gualala CDP 2024-0004 Appeal
Date: Thursday, October 30, 2025 3:25:00 AM

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Dear Mendocino County Government,

I am writing to ask you...really to plead with you...to *approve a landscape maintenance agreement for the landscaping plan promised to the Gualala community in May 2023.*

This plan was promised and it is crucial to the lovely town of Gualala. Without landscaping, Gualala's main street will become a 58-foot sea of asphalt and concrete with an urban environment. Local businesses and residents say that will hurt the already struggling restaurants, hotels, and retail businesses. By contrast, landscaping will make the town more attractive for residents and visitors alike. It will lift property values.

As I resident of Mendonoma I can urge your strongly enough to make good on your promises. This is good, civic planning.

Thank you,

Jeanne C. Finley
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To: [bos](#)
Cc: SaveGualala@gmail.com
Subject: Re: 11/4/25 Gualala CDP 2024-0004 Appeal
Date: Thursday, October 30, 2025 7:32:31 AM

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Dear Supervisors,

As a third generation Gualalan who grew up here raising my children, with fourth and fifth generations now living locally, I care deeply about the future of our town. Landscaping is essential to preserving Gualala's small-town character, supporting local businesses, and making Main Street a welcoming place for both residents and visitors.

I urge you to approve a landscape maintenance agreement for the landscaping plan promised to the community in May 2023. Please help ensure Gualala continues to thrive for generations to come. Without landscaping, Gualala risks losing its heart. With it, Main Street can embody the beauty, vitality, and spirit of our community.

Sincerely,
Lucienne Allen

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From: [Cheryl Ross](#)
To: [bos](#)
Subject: Landscape plan
Date: Thursday, October 30, 2025 12:39:10 PM

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Please approve the landscape plan. This is important visually to our community and tourists.

Cheryl Ross
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The Sea Ranch, CA

From: [Claire Spiegel Brian](#)
To: [bos](#)
Subject: Save Gualala!
Date: Thursday, October 30, 2025 12:40:47 PM

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I live in Sea Ranch and adore the quiet, quaint little town of Gualala. Please, please do approve the landscaping maintenance agreement, providing landscaping along the main highway that was agreed to in May 2023.

Claire Brian
246 Del Mar Point
Sea Rsnch.

From: [James Docker](#)
To: [bos](#)
Subject: Landscape Plan for Gualala
Date: Thursday, October 30, 2025 1:49:00 PM

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Mendocino BOS,
Please approve the landscape maintenance plan agreement for the Gualala Community Hwy One widening project.
Thank you!
James and Akiko Docker
41517 Raven Ct
The Sea Ranch, CA

From: [Jedi Gmail](#)
To: [bos](#)
Cc: savegualala@gmail.com
Subject: Re: 11/4/25 Gualala CDP 2024-0004 Appeal
Date: Thursday, October 30, 2025 2:45:17 PM

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

Please vote YES on the maintenance agreement!

I live and shop in the Gualala area and want the County and Caltrans to restore AND MAINTAIN the landscaping of the Streetscape project. Landscaping is required in our Coastal Plan, and it's critical for both aesthetic and economic reasons. Without landscaping, Gualala's main street will become a 58-foot sea of asphalt and concrete with an urban environment. Local businesses and residents say that will hurt the already struggling restaurants, hotels, and retail businesses. By contrast, landscaping will make the town more attractive for residents and visitors alike. It will lift property values.

Please approve a landscape maintenance agreement for the landscaping plan promised to the Gualala community in May 2023. It's the right thing to do!

Thank you!
Diana Souverbielle
The Sea Ranch

Sent from my iPad

From: [Juliet Dantin](#)
To: [bos](#)
Cc: savegualala@gmail.com
Subject: 11/4/2024 Gualala CDP 2024-2004 Appeal
Date: Thursday, October 30, 2025 2:50:25 PM

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Dear Mendocino Supervisors,

I lived in the Gualala area for 25 years and always wished its commercial area was more appealing to visitors as we'll as residents. The more attractive the 'downtown' district is, the more likely travelers will stop to explore and shop, lifting the local and county economies.

Please approve a landscape maintenance agreement for the landscaping plan promised to the Gualala community in May 2023.

Thank you for your consideration in this appeal. Your vote impacts all of us who care about Mendocino's South Coast.

Sincerely,
Juliet

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Sent from my iPhone

From: [Jesakka](#)
To: [bos](#)
Subject: Re: 11/4/25 Gualala CDP 2024-0004 Appeal
Date: Thursday, October 30, 2025 2:58:02 PM

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Dear Board of Supervisors:

I am writing to ask you to APPROVE the landscape maintenance agreement for the landscaping plan promised to the Gualala community over two years ago.

Please do not turn Gualala, the southern gateway to Mendocino county, into a wide, overpaved, urban STRODE (that's neither a street nor a road!)

Gualala is a place of stunning natural beauty! It's also a place filled with struggling businesses. The landscaping element of the Streetscape plan will add to the beauty, slow traffic, and entice visitors to stop, walk, and spend some time and money.

Gualala is home to my post office, medical clinic, grocery stores, hardware stores, restaurants, gym, and shops. I am proud of this beautiful place, and I want our Streetscape to match the lush beauty of our natural surroundings.

Please APPROVE the landscape maintenance agreement!

Sincerely,

Jesakka Tarr

PO Box 1905

Gualala, CA 95445

From: [Trina Turk](#)
To: [bos](#)
Cc: [Save Gualala](#)
Subject: 11/4/25 Gualala CDP 2024-0004 Appeal
Date: Thursday, October 30, 2025 3:01:24 PM

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Dear Board of Supervisors:

I'm a part-time resident of the Gualala area.

I shop and dine in Gualala when I'm on the Mendonoma coast.

I urge the board to approve a landscape maintenance agreement for the landscaping plan promised to the Gualala community back in May of 2023.

Gualala needs this landscaping plan to enhance our "downtown" for both residents and tourists.

It will help our existing businesses, and attract new ones—raising tax revenue to the county—and creating curb appeal that is currently lacking.

We love our little town, and need your support to enhance it.

Thank you and Best Regards,

Trina Turk

From: [Geoffrey A.Beaty](#)
To: [bos](#)
Cc: [Save Gualala](#)
Subject: Gualala Landscape Maintenance
Date: Thursday, October 30, 2025 3:19:25 PM

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Dear Mendocino County Board of Supervisors:

We live a quarter mile south of the Mendocino County line in The Sea Ranch and are in spirit and with our dollars a part of the Gualala/Mendonoma community. It is vital to that community that we do our best to attract visitors and their money to Gualala. Local businesses and jobs are on the line. The current state of our roadway and landscaping in Gualala is pathetic. We are not a third world community and deserve better. Please approve a landscape maintenance agreement for the landscaping plan promised to the Gualala community in **May 2023**. This issue has been “kicked down the road” long enough!

Thank You,

Geoff and Wendy Beaty
P.O. Box 1687
Gualala, CA 95445

From: [Arlene Reiss](#)
To: [bos](#)
Cc: SaveGualala@gmail.com
Subject: Re: 11/4/25 Gualala CDP 2024-0004 Appeal
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Dear Board of Supervisors,

As a 49 year resident of wonderful Mendocino County, I ask you to please reinstate the plans to add landscaping to the plan for Gualala's redoing of its main street/Highway Streetscape. Why Caltrans would want to not include this in their plans is beyond me.

Gualala is a unique spot on beautiful Highway 1 and has always been let down by the barrenness of the highway going through it and now there is a chance to address that shortcoming.

Like Cloverdale's beautiful reconfiguring of its main street, this offers Gualala a chance to do the same. Gualala is in a beautiful setting and this will allow it to capitalize on that in a warm welcoming invite into its environs for those fortunate to be entering its presence.

Please do the right thing and reinstate the landscaping plans for their Streetscape, as Caltrans promised its residents it would do.

Sincerely,
Warren De Smidt
Albion resident

From: [Valerie Haak](#)
To: [bos](#)
Subject: Re: 11/4/25 Gualala CDP 2024-0004 Appeal
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Dear Board of Supervisors:

I am writing to ask you to please approve a landscape maintenance agreement for the landscaping plan promised to the Gualala community in May of 2023.

As a resident of The Sea Ranch, Gualala is THE place for me and my family to shop and visit. Without landscaping, Gualala's main street will become a sea of asphalt and concrete with the feel of an urban environment. Landscaping will help benefit the already struggling restaurants, hotels, and retail businesses in Gualala, and make the town more attractive for residents as well as visitors.

Thank you,

Valerie Haak

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From: [Nate Rosenthal](#)
To: [bos](#)
Cc: SaveGualala@gmail.com
Subject: Re: 11/4/25 Gualala CDP 2024-0004 Appeal
Date: Thursday, October 30, 2025 4:00:07 PM

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Please approve a landscape maintenance agreement for the landscaping plan promised to the Gualala community in May 2023.

Gualala's beauty is highlighted by the natural landscape. Investing in streetscape landscaping will create a more welcoming and thriving environment which will underscore Gualala as a beautiful destination for locals and visitors alike.

Thank you. Regards,
Nate Rosenthal

From: [David DeBoer](#)
To: [bos](#)
Cc: SaveGualala@gmail.com
Subject: 11/4/25 Gualala CDP 2024-0004 Appeal
Date: Thursday, October 30, 2025 10:11:13 PM

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Greetings Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to you asking that you approve a landscape maintenance agreement for the landscaping plan promised to the Gualala community in May 2023. Without landscaping, Gualala's main street will become a 58-foot sea of asphalt and concrete with an urban environment. Local businesses that are already struggling will be hurt. By contrast, landscaping will make the town more attractive for residents and visitors alike and will lift property values.

Please approve. Thank you!

David DeBoer
410 Grey Whale
Sea Ranch

From: [Larry Jacobs](#)
To: [bos](#)
Cc: SaveGualala@gmail.com
Subject: Re: 11/4/25 Gualala CDP 2024-0004 Appeal
Date: Friday, October 31, 2025 8:45:38 AM

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I am writing to ask that you approve a landscape maintenance agreement for the landscaping plan promised to the Gualala community in May 2023.

Even though we live in Sonoma County, we, at The Sea Ranch, depend on the good folks and quality merchants of Gualala to make this area as attractive as possible. It is, after all, our sales tax money which funds a lot of Gualala and Mendocino County activities. This is not only for us but also for tourists who bring in huge amounts of capital in their rental of our area's homes as well as spending in motels, restaurants, markets and shops.

Thank you for your attention.

Larry Jacobs

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From: [Margery Entwisle](#)
To: [bos](#)
Cc: SaveGualala@gmail.com
Subject: 11/4/25 Gualala CDP 2024-0004 Appeal
Date: Friday, October 31, 2025 9:47:28 AM

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

Please approve a landscaping maintenance agreement for the Gualala Streetscape plan as promised to the community in May 2023. Please restore the plan to what was presented to the community. Without the landscaping, all the work will not be an improvement!

Thank you,

Margery Entwisle
199 Wild Moor Reach
The Sea Ranch

From: [Tempra Board](#)
To: [bos](#)
Subject: Please restore landscaping to the Gualala Streetscape project
Date: Friday, October 31, 2025 11:23:30 AM

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to express my strong support for landscaping to be included in the Gualala Streetscape project. I urge you to approve a landscape maintenance agreement for the landscaping plan that was promised to the Gualala community back in May 2023.

Caltrans sold this plan to the community with images that showed low-maintenance native plants in islands and along sidewalks as required by the Local Coastal Plan, but it later removed all landscaping.

Landscaping is a critical component of this beautification and safety project, making downtown Gualala a more walkable and pleasant destination for locals and tourists alike.

Thank you!

Tempra Board

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Cc: SaveGualala@gmail.com
Subject: Gualala CDP2025-0004 Appeal
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Please vote to landscape Gualala, per “Save Gualala” citizens’ urgent, ongoing appeal.

Thank you.
Marsha Sinetar
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October 31, 2025

Mendocino County Board of Supervisors
501 Low Gap Road, Room 1010
Ukiah, CA 95482

Re: Bower Limited Partnership streetscape concerns/comment submission for 11/4/2025 appeal hearing

Dear Mendocino County Board of Supervisors,

At 77 years old, I am a lifetime resident of and an advocate for Gualala. My sons and I own approximately 50% of the property affected by the Gualala Streetscape Project.

I've been the most enduring voice against the loss of on-street parking in downtown Gualala due to the upcoming Streetscape Project. My concerns have been summarily dismissed for decades. I'm now more worried than ever about what losing all on-street parking will do to our community. Imagine if none of the following vehicles could pull up on the side of the highway to park:

- fire engines and ambulances
- fishermen towing boats
- tree service trucks towing wood chippers
- contractors towing trailers
- utility and logging trucks
- motor homes and trucks towing travel trailers

If these vehicles have nowhere to park, then their drivers will not—CANNOT—spend money in our grocery stores, pizza shop, restaurants, galleries, or even go check their mail at the post office. Not to mention visitors with RVs or travel trailers having nowhere to park. Everyone in Gualala relies on tourism dollars. That's insane—do we really want to prevent people from supporting our local businesses? Gualala businesses, residents, and visitors depend on our existing on street parking. None of the parking lots downtown have turnaround space for these vehicles. Plus, if it's too difficult to park in a lot, people will just keep driving to find a place where they CAN park and they'll spend their money elsewhere.

As a property owner being impacted by the streetscape project, my family has had numerous conversations with Caltrans (which is the agency responsible for the streetscape project) and what we are being told is that the removal of on street parking is due to a requirement in the Gualala Town Plan (GTP).

Everyone knows that the GTP has many flaws that need to be addressed. In fact, the BOS stated to Gualala residents that it identified flaws in the GTP back when Redwood Coast Medical Services was trying to get its helipad permitted. At that time the BOS committed to making the necessary changes to the outdated 23-year-old plan, but it has failed to do

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so. The BOS approved the GTP on the premise that it met all the requirements of the California Coastal Act, including the Coastal Commission's policies. The GTP does not comply with the Coastal Commission's policies, and without on street parking our businesses will suffer greatly, and many businesses will be at risk of failing completely.

My commercial tenants don't own the land or buildings they occupy yet Caltrans and the Coastal Commission have not approached them to be part of the conversation about the negative financial impact these businesses will suffer from the theft of their customers' parking.

What is the BOS's plan to mitigate the financial losses of my tenant business owners?

As a result of the removal of on street parking it is likely that large trucks, motorhomes, emergency vehicles, and repair vehicles are going to double park or attempt to park in an unsafe manner in the small private parking lots. The BOS's GTP is causing the removal of the on-street parking and it is likely going to make the town less safe and less inviting. The BOS needs to immediately reevaluate its prohibition of on street parking in Gualala.

The Coastal Commission's website states as its mission that "the commission is committed to protecting and enhancing California's coast and ocean for present and future generations. It does so through careful planning and regulation of environmentally sustainable development, rigorous use of science, strong public participation, education, and effective intergovernmental coordination." As far as the Gualala Streetscape plan is concerned, the Coastal Commission is failing to live up to its mission statement, and it needs to address these issues with Caltrans and the people of Gualala before it is too late.

We need a Streetscape design that beautifies, is safe, and that retains on-street parking. We respectfully request that the BOS protect our community by denying this proposed project and we further request that it develop and adopt an updated Gualala Town Plan.

Thank you,

John H. Bower

From: [Debra Sharkey](#)
To: [bos](#)
Cc: savegualala@gmail.com
Subject: Please Approve Gualala Streetscape Landscaping Plan!
Date: Friday, October 31, 2025 3:29:15 PM

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Hello Mendocino County Board of Supervisors,

I'm writing to urge to urge you to approve (on Nov. 4th) the landscape maintenance agreement for the landscaping plan promised to the town of Gualala community in May 2023.

Without landscaping our local town's main street will be nothing but a 58-ft. sea of asphalt and concrete. Property values and county tax revenues will very likely be lower as a result of fewer patrons stopping to shop, or stay overnight, in town.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Debra Sharkey, Professor Emerita

From: [Alan Reinke](#)
To: [bos](#)
Cc: savegualala@gmail.com
Subject: Gualala Streetscape Plan
Date: Saturday, November 1, 2025 12:11:16 PM

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Please approve a landscape maintenance agreement for the streetscape plan promised to the Gualala community in May 2023. Without landscaping downtown Gualala will be an asphalt and concrete wasteland.

Alan Reinke
The Sea Ranch, CA
alanmreinke@gmail.com

From: [Lynne Teismann](#)
To: [bos](#)
Cc: SaveGualala@gmail.com
Subject: 11/4/25 Gualala CDP 2024-0004 Appeal
Date: Sunday, November 2, 2025 4:40:06 PM

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

Thank you for taking your time to discuss this.

I am asking that you approve a landscape maintenance agreement for the landscaping plan promised to the Gualala community in May 2023.

As a AARP state volunteer who has been focusing on street improvements for the elderly, I am hoping that you will see the importance of making sure this streetscape landscaping project is completed. Currently, just trying to use the crosswalk across US 1 in Gualala is challenging for all children and adults not only the elderly. There is a crosswalk which has broken asphalt, rocks, on an uneven and a poorly marked road which makes getting across the street difficult. The lack of shade and a place to sit is also a problem.

By approving the landscaping for this streetscape not only will improve the beauty but also the health and safety of this community.

Thank you from,
Lynne Teismann RN, MPA
Sea Ranch Resident and Gualala Community Participant

From: [heidi hyora](#)
To: [bos](#)
Cc: [Gualala Save](#)
Subject: 11/4/25 Gualala CDP 2024-0004 Appeal
Date: Monday, November 3, 2025 9:01:36 AM

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Board of Supervisors,

I'm writing to urge you to approve a landscape maintenance agreement for the landscaping plan promised to the Gualala community in May 2023.

Caltrans sold this plan to the community in May 2023 with images that showed low-maintenance native plants in islands and along sidewalks as required by the Local Coastal Plan, but it later removed all landscaping.

Please restore the landscaping in the approved plan.

Gualala is a gem of a community for Mendocino county, and as a resident of The Sea Ranch, one that my family and friends shop in daily (not to mention the many tourists whose first drive into Mendocino county is through Gualala.)

We must enhance the downtown and all the pavement with welcoming and beautifying native plants as originally planned, and protect this special place.

thank you,
Heidi Hyora