

Central Coast Forest Association

Protecting our land and our rights

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Subject: Financial help needed to complete Supreme Court action

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Dear CCFA Members and Friends,

CCFA's legal action to stop Santa Cruz County and the State Coastal Commission from interfering with the lawful use and enjoyment of our forestlands has gone much farther in the court system and taken more time and effort than we ever expected. We thought we were finished when we won the case at the trial level. We then successfully defended that decision before the appellate court. Now, we find ourselves arguing the appellate court's decision before the State Supreme Court. Fortunately, the Coastal Commission has capitulated but the County (with lots of your tax money to spend) continues it's hassle right up to the final bell.

We are in the home stretch. Our written briefs have been completed and filed with the Supreme Court and final oral arguments will be heard soon, probably sometime this summer. Our position has been strengthened by powerful, friend-of-the-court testimony from the Farm Bureau, the Cattleman's Association, the California Forestry Association and the State Board of Forestry. We are gratified that we have been able to carry the fight this far with only private funding contributed by members, friends and fellow forestland owners. Having gone two levels of court actions beyond our original expectation, we find that again we need financial help to carry this one over the finish line.

Please use the enclosed envelope to send whatever you can to the CCFA Legal Fund so that we can complete the final round before the Supreme Court in the decisive style that we have fought and won every round up till now.

It is your right to use your forestlands in a responsible way without pointless government restrictions, interference or prohibitions. We are defending that right and we need your help.

Gratefully yours,



Peter A. Twight
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