

Rancheria acquires property on South Beach

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A multi-acre parcel on South Beach has been acquired by the Elk Valley Rancheria.

The funding for the \$725,000 purchase comes from the California State Coastal Conservancy.

The property sits on the ocean side of Highway 101 across from Sand Mine Road.

Elk Valley Rancheria will oversee the 9.19-acre parcel for the benefit of wildlife habitat enhancement and public access and for the removal of invasive species. The property was acquired to protect open space and implement sea level rise adaptation measures.

The Tribe's association with this property is steeped in history. According to Tribal lore, tribal membership lived in Del Norte County for over 1,000 years in villages located on bluffs overlooking the Pacific and along the banks of local watersheds.

Plans call for establishing walking trails and creating vehicle access in designated parking areas.

Elk Valley Chairman Dale Miller lauded the Coastal Conservancy for the grant to help preserve the property for generations to come.

"The site of the property is of importance to Rancheria's citizens, both for cultural and subsistence purposes and the acquisition of this property is consistent with the Tribe's community-oriented goals including

ensuring environmental stewardship,” stated Miller.