

EXHIBIT 5: Letters of Support



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February 20, 2004

Mr. Paul Morabito, Chairman  
State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, Suite 1100  
Oakland, CA 94612

*RICHARD NICHOLS*

Dear Mr. Morabito,

The Coastwalk Board of Directors ask me to write in enthusiastic endorsement of a Conservancy grant of \$522,000 to the California Parks Dept. for Coastal Trail work along the Sonoma Coast.

State Parks trails along the Sonoma coast have long needed upgrading and additional links to fill gaps in the trail. Coastwalk uses the trails every year and we know where every gap needs to be filled and every repair needs to be made.

Coastwalk's Sonoma County CCT Committee is working directly with State Park staff to identify these areas and to determine alignments, and we plan on helping with repair and construction as needed.

Thanks for considering this grant.

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Richard Nichols  
Executive Director

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***Stewards of the Coast and Redwoods***

*Preservation through Education and Restoration*

**Russian River Sector State Parks**

February 22, 2004

Mr. Paul Morabito, Chairman  
State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, Suite 1100  
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Morabito,

On behalf of **Stewards of the Coast and Redwoods (Stewards)** I would like to express our support for the Department of Parks and Recreation Coastal Trail Plan for the Russian River Sector. This exciting project will provide essential planning for trail construction, environmental analysis, and flora and fauna surveys.

When this project is implemented the public will be provided with wonderful new trails along the majestic Sonoma Coastline in the following area:

- Gerstle Cove, Salt Point: 1.5 mile new trail connecting to the south end of the park.
- Fort Ross State Historic Park, South Boundary: 2600 foot trail rehabilitation.
- Red Hill Trail: 1.5 mile trail to provide access to Red Hill
- Carrington Ranch Trail: 2.5 mile coastal trail segment over level ground

Stewards is the nonprofit environmental organization that has a long-standing contract with California State Parks in the Russian River sector to support volunteer stewardship programs and resource management projects to inspire those who visit our magnificent State Parks.

We urge your support for this worthwhile project.

Sincerely,

Michele Luna  
Executive Director

cc. Gary Shannon, DPR

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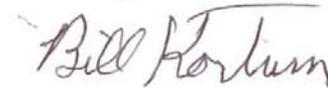
Paul Morabito  
Chairman, State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, Suite 1100  
Oakland CA 94612

Dear Chairman Morabito:

As a lifelong advocate of public access to the California coast, and member of Coastwalk from its inception, I salute the proposal to use the Sonoma County Coast as a pilot project to implement and improve a most spectacular segment of the California Coastal Trail.

I urge the approval of a Conservancy grant of \$522,000 to the California Parks Department for Coastal Trail work along the Sonoma Coast.

Sincerely,



Bill Kortum

February 25, 2004

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March 1, 2004

Mr. Paul Morabito, Chairman  
State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, Suite 1100  
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Morabito:

RE: Funding for Coastal Trail

We are active volunteers with Coastwalk and with the Stewards of the Coast & Redwoods. We love the California coast and walk the coastal trails in Sonoma County frequently.

We urge you to support the funding for California Coastal Trail; in particular: the Gerstle Cove-Salt Point 1.5 of new trail on south side, the trail rehab for Fort Ross State Historic Park, the 1.5 trail to provide access to Red Hill, the 2.5 mile trail on Carrington Ranch area, and the planning for phase II trail construction.

We need to continue to improve existing trails and expand to fill the gaps in the California Coastal Trail. Thank you for your support and help in making this possible.

Sincerely,



William E. Ruppert

Dorothy A. Ruppert

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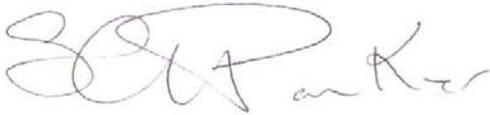
Mr. Paul Morabito, Chairman  
State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, Suite 1100  
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Morabito,

As a volunteer and board member of Coastwalk, and as someone who regularly enjoys (and sees others enjoying) the Sonoma coast I fully support a Conservancy grant of \$522,000 to the California Parks Department for Coastal Trail work along the Sonoma Coast.

State Parks trails along the Sonoma coast have long needed upgrading; also, additional links to fill gaps in the trail would bring us closer to the vision of a continuous California Coastal Trail for all to enjoy.

Thanks for considering this grant and keep up the good work.



Dr. S. Gillian Parker  
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Mr. Paul Morabito  
State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, Suite 1100  
Oakland, CA 94612  
March 3, 2004

Dear Mr. Morabito,

I support a Conservancy grant of \$522,000 to the California Parks Department for construction and improvement of trails along the coast of Sonoma County. The energetic California Parks Department plan will renovate existing trails and construct new trails to fill in gaps in the Coastal Trail. I am a member of Coastwalk and am involved in providing assistance to the Parks Department on this project. I am also chairman of the Russian River Recreation and Park District, which enhances recreational activities in the Guerneville area.

Thank you for considering the funding of this much needed grant.

Sincerely,



Dana Zimmerman  
16900 Neeley Rd.  
Guerneville, CA 95446

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Re: grant for trail work on Sonoma County Coast,  
to State Parks Dept

Mr Paul Morabito, Chairman  
State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, Ste 1100  
Oakland, Ca 94612

Feb. 22 '04

Dear Mr. Morabito,

I'm the President of the Board of Coastwalk, and  
a Sonoma County resident.

We have been hoping for a very long time that  
trails along the coast in our county would be built,  
or in the case of existing paths, improved.

Regarding a Conservancy grant of \$522,000 to the  
State Parks Dept for trail work along the Sonoma  
Coast — I strongly support this and urge you  
to give this grant to do this work.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

Linda Hanes  
PO Box 754  
Sebastopol Ca 95473

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Sara Mikkelsen  
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February 27, 2004

Mr. Paul Morabito, Chairman  
State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, Suite 1100  
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Morabito,

My husband and I support a Conservancy grant of \$522,000 to the California Parks Department for Coastal Trail work along the Sonoma Coast.

State Parks trails along the Sonoma coast have long needed upgrading and additional links to fill gaps in the trail.

We are very interested in seeing the completion of the Coastal Train and eventually using it to walk the length of California's coast.

Thank you for considering this grant.

Yours,



Sara & Lars Mikkelsen