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April 28, 2004



Paul Morabito, Chairman
State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 11th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Chairman Morabito:

I am writing to express my support for the Cambria Community Services District (CCSD) request for a grant in the amount of \$300,000 for improvements to the Coastal Trail on the publicly owned East West Ranch in Cambria.

This 1.2-mile segment of the Coastal Trail, also known as the Cambria Bluff Trail, attracts a large number of visitors and locals year round seeking the spectacular views of the coastline. The existing informal dirt trail presents safety and environmental concerns that warrant improvements to the trail as soon as possible.

In a number of places, the trail comes extremely close to the eroded bluff edge, which drops sharply to the rocky coastline more than 20 feet below. The trail also crosses over seasonal wetlands in several areas. During the rainy season, the trail becomes muddy causing damage to sensitive wetland plants and animals. In addition, the narrow trail tracks are extremely uneven, a potential safety issue for many of the elderly walkers in the area.

The CCSD will use the proposed grant to construct a single, even and wider route set far enough back from the bluff edge to minimize further erosion as well as construct boardwalk crossings over wetlands, repair eroded areas, and restore damaged vegetation.

The State Coastal Conservancy's proposed grant will play a major role in protecting the unique environment of the East West Ranch and enhancing coastal access to the thousands of people who walk its trails each year.

Again, for the above reasons, I support the allocation of funds for this most worthwhile project. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

BRUCE McPHERSON
Senator, 15th District
BAM/rg

✓ cc: Prentiss Williams

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SHIRLEY BIANCHI
SUPERVISOR DISTRICT TWO

April 21, 2004

State Coastal Conservancy
Paul Morabito, Chairman
1330 Broadway, 11th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Subject: Coastal Trail Improvements on East-West Ranch, Cambria, CA

Dear Chairman Morabito:

I am writing to express my support for the proposed funding by the State Coastal Conservancy for improvements to the Coastal Trail on the publicly owned East West Ranch in Cambria.

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Sincerely,



SHIRLEY BIANCHI
Supervisor, District Two

cc: ✓ Prentiss Williams

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April 23, 2004

Paul Morabito, Chairman
State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 11th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

re: Bluff Trail Improvements on East-West Ranch, Cambria

Dear Chairman Morabito:

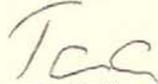
We are writing to indicate our strong support for the proposed funding by the State Coastal Conservancy to improve a portion of the California Coastal Trail on East-West Ranch in Cambria.

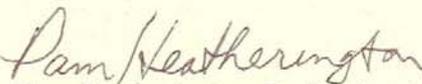
Our alliance is a consortium of more than 30 environmental groups with over 22,000 supporters dedicated to the protection and preservation of our precious coast. One of the participating groups is Coastwalk, so we enthusiastically support any improvement of the Coastal Trail.

The Bluff Trail in Cambria actually is a 1.2 mile link of the Coastal Trail. It has a few weaknesses, however, which need to be fixed. It needs to be moved back from too near the bluff edge in places, widened, made more even, and have boardwalk sections installed over some seasonal wetlands. Many thousands of visitors to Cambria as well as locals use this trail every year. The improvements will enhance their enjoyment and safety.

The SLO Coast Alliance strongly supports the Cambria Community Services District plans to use the proposed grant to make the necessary enhancements to the Bluff Trail.

Sincerely,


Tarren Collins, Co-Chair


Pam Heatherington, Co-Chair

cc: Richard Nichols, Coastwalk
Prentiss Williams

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OAKLAND, CALIF.

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ECOSLO • Santa Margarita Area Residents Together • Ventana Wilderness Alliance • Citizens for a Vehicle Free Nipomo Dunes • CALPIRG
Planning and Conservation League • Coastwalk • SLO County Chumash Council • Environmental Action Committee of West Marin
Save Our Shores • People for the Nipomo Dunes • Canyons and Streams Alliance • Wild Nature, Inc. • Access for All • Friends of Point Sal • Wild Nature, Inc.
Friends of Black Lake Canyon • New World Baroque Orchestra • Friends of Nipomo Community Park • Blue Dolphin Alliance • Pelican Network
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April 26, 2004

Paul Morabito, Chair
Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway #1100
Oakland CA 94612

Re: Trail project at East West Ranch, Cambria

Dear Mr. Morabito,

I am writing on behalf of the Coastwalk Board of Directors to enthusiastically endorse funding for trail improvements on the East West Ranch. Work to improve the Coastal Trail, providing a good, environmentally sensitive public trail along the shoreline, fulfills the mandate of the coastal act and the Coastal Trail Bill, SB 908, and is a great addition to the border-to-border California Coastal Trail.

We at Coastwalk appreciate the work being done by the Cambria community and the Coastal Conservancy for the continued support of this kind of project.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "RN", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Richard Nichols
Executive Director

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Friends of the RanchLand

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April 21, 2004

Paul Morabito, Chair
State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 11th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

re: Coastal Trail Improvements on East-West Ranch, Cambria

Dear Chairman Morabito:

I am writing to express the support of Friends of the RanchLand for the proposed funding by the Conservancy to improve a portion of the California Coastal Trail (CTC) on publicly-owned East-West Ranch in Cambria. By the way, Friends of the RanchLand initiated efforts for the successful purchase of the ranch in 1998.

This 1.2 mile segment of the CCT, known locally as the Bluff Trail, attracts a large number of visitors as well as locals throughout the year. The attractions are spectacular views and all kinds of wildlife. The existing dirt trail, however, has safety and environmental concerns that need to be addressed. The planned improvements will correct these problems.

Not only does the trail pass very close to the eroded bluff edge which usually is more than 20 feet above the rocky shore, it also must cross several portions of seasonal wetlands. In the rainy season, these become muddy which causes damage to sensitive wetland plants and animals. Also, portions of the trail are extremely uneven making it difficult for many of the elderly walkers.

The Cambria Community Services District (CCSD) which owns the ranch will use the proposed grant to construct a single, even, and wider route back far enough from the edge of the bluff to minimize erosion. In addition, boardwalks will be built over the sensitive wetlands, eroded areas will be repaired, and damaged vegetation can be restored.

The proposed grant from the Conservancy will play a major role in protecting the unique environment of East-West Ranch and enhance coastal access to the thousands of people who walk its trails each year.

Thank you for the Conservancy's great contributions towards the purchase of this vital property as well as considering the trail enhancement grant which in turn will enhance this part of the CCT.

Sincerely,

Doug Buckmaster
President