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May 28, 2004

Paul Morabito, Chairman
California State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, Ste. 1100
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Chairman Morabito:

I wish to express my support for the Port San Luis Harbor District's grant request in the amount of \$500,000 to fund a California Coastal Trail Gateway project near Avila Beach.

This project would meet the current needs for coastal trail facilities including public restrooms and showers, bike and car parking and informational kiosks. In addition, the project would connect the Coastal Trail to the Pecho Coast Trail and a trailhead access point to Avila and Pismo Beach.

As the area is a major destination for tourists, the final project would be another attraction for this demographic, which in turn would benefit the local economy. As such, the public benefits derived from the project would be multiple.

For the above reasons, I support funding for this very worthwhile project. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

BRUCE MCPHERSON
Senator, 15th District

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May 24, 2004

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

Dear Mr. Morabito:

I am writing to support Port San Luis Harbor District's application for funding for a California Coastal Trail Gateway project at the Harbor in San Luis Obispo County within the 33rd Assembly District. I understand that the Coastal Conservancy will be considering this item.

The \$500,000 grant would fulfill the need for coastal trail facilities for a new public restroom and showers, bike parking, car parking, informational kiosks, and small boat storage areas. Port San Luis Harbor District is a local government agency, which has demonstrated successful coast access improvements in the past. The location of these improvements is a perfect one to coordinate the coastal trail and Pecho coast trail to the Point San Luis Lighthouse. There is considerable and widespread support locally for the project.

I urge you to give every possible consideration to supporting the Harbor's grant application. If I can provide any additional information to assist you in your decision, please let me know.

Sincerely,

ABEL MALDONADO

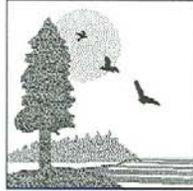
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May 27, 2004

File Ref: G13-01

Mr. Paul Morabito, Chair
Attn: Marc Beyeler
California State Coastal Conservancy
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Dear Mr. Morabito

Staff of the California State Lands Commission is writing to support the Port San Luis Harbor District's application for funding for the California Coastal Trail Gateway project at the harbor in San Luis Obispo County, near Avila Beach, California.

As the trustee of sovereign tide and submerged lands, pursuant to Chapter 647, Statutes of 1955, as amended by Chapter 302, Statutes of 1957, the Port San Luis Harbor District has demonstrated successful coastal access improvements in the past. The location of the subject improvements is optimum to coordinate the coastal trail and the Pecho coast trail to the Point San Luis Light House. As many people throughout the state visit Avila Beach and the Port, there exists a need for coastal trail facilities such as restrooms, transit stops, parking, and small boat storage areas. It is apparent that there are numerous public benefits to the Coastal Trail Gateway including but not limited to the fact that it connects to the transportation system in San Luis Obispo County, which provides easy access for the public from all major entry points in the region.

We appreciate your consideration of our comments in support of the Port San Luis Harbor District's Coastal Trail Gateway application.

Sincerely,

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Jennifer Lucchesi
Public Land Management Specialist

cc: Jay Elder, Harbor Manager, Port San Luis Harbor District

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Avila Valley Advisory Council
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May 24, 2004

Mr. Paul Morabito, Chair
Attn: Marc Beyeler
California State Coastal Conservancy
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Dear Mr. Morabito:

SUBJECT: Port San Luis Harbor District Grant Application
for funding a **California Coastal Trail Gateway Project** at
the Harbor in San Luis Obispo County, Avila Beach, CA.

The San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors recognizes the Avila Valley Advisory Council. We advise the Board and other county, state and federal hearing bodies on issues that affect our quality of life. We represent about 2,500 community members.

Port San Luis is in a slow transition from a commercial/fishing port to recreational fishing/tourism. The need for coastal facilities for bikes, transit stops, restrooms, parking and boat storage area exists due to this transition.

Avila is experiencing a re-birth after the Unocal environmental clean up. Our community is creating a major outreach program to lure visitors from throughout the State of California to enjoy our beautiful coastal assets of the Port of San Luis and Avila Beach. The proximity of the proposed project to other coastal visitor serving activities will increase its' usage and help create an overall enhanced coastal experience for visitors.

The Coastal Trail Gateway will provide a link to the transportation system in SLO County that provides access from Highway 101 and the Bob Jones City to the Sea Bike Trail. The proposed location of these improvements will also link the coastal trail and the Pecho coast trail to the Point San Luis Lighthouse, a historic site under renovation for greater public access.

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The project is proposed for a site currently being used for Port passive recreational use. An environmental review indicates there will be no environmental impacts.

Port San Luis Harbor District is a local government agency that has demonstrated successful coastal access improvements. They have willingly supported the efforts of non-profit organizations to enhance their facilities for greater visitor serving uses and view the future success of the Port supported, in large part, by visitors.

We endorse this grant application of the Port San Luis Harbor District and request your thoughtful and positive consideration for funding.

Sincerely,



Karla Bittner
Chairperson

C: Jay Elder, Port San Luis
AVAC Board members

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CENTRAL COAST SALMON ENHANCEMENT, INC.

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Mr. Paul Morabito, Chair
Attn: Marc Beyeler
California State Coastal Conservancy
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May 27, 2004

Dear Mr. Morabito:

On behalf of Central Coast Salmon Enhancement, a local nonprofit organization, I am writing to support the Port San Luis Harbor District's application for funding for a California Coastal Trail Gateway project at the Harbor in San Luis Obispo County, near Avila Beach, California.

Over the 20 years we have been actively restoring fisheries on the central coast, we have worked cooperatively with Port San Luis Harbor District on several successful projects. As a local government agency, the District has demonstrated successful coastal access improvements in the past. The location of these improvements will coordinate the coastal trail and Pecho coast trail to the Point San Luis Light house. To enhance this trail system, there is also a need for coastal trail facilities for bikes, transit stops, restrooms, parking and small boat storage areas.

Many people from through out the state visit the Avila and Port area. It is anticipated that the visitors will take full advantage of these coastal faculties. The project is adjacent to many other coastal related visiting serving uses and will be complementary to these existing facilities.

The local community has expressed their support for this project. The proposed project has been environmentally reviewed and will have no negative environmental impacts.

There are many public benefits associated with the Coastal Trail Gateway; including connecting the transportation system in San Luis Obispo County which provides easy access from all major entry points in the region (highway, bike trail, airport, etc).

Thank you for your consideration and support of this project. When completed, the Coastal Trail Gateway will be a tremendous asset to our community!

Sincerely,


Connie O'Henley
Executive Director

CC: Jay Elder, Harbor Master PSLHD

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DUANE P. LEIB, DIRECTOR

May 25, 2004

Mr. Paul Morabito, Chair
Attn: Marc Beyeler
California State Coastal Conservancy
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CALIFORNIA COASTAL TRAIL GATEWAY PROJECT

This letter is in support of the Port San Luis Harbor District's application for a Coastal Trail gateway project near Avila Beach, California.

The Harbor District has a record of successful coastal access improvements in the Port San Luis and Avila Beach area. This area is a high tourist area visited by many people from throughout California. A gateway project for the Coastal Trail is anticipated to get very high use in meeting the needs for trail facilities for bikes, transit stop, restrooms, parking and small boat storage. Simply stated, the project would support the Coastal Trail.

The County of San Luis Obispo supports the Gateway Project and anticipates favorable public support for the proposed facilities.

DUANE P. LEIB
General Services Director

c - Jay Elder, Harbor Manager

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Mr. Paul Morabito, Chair
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Dear Mr. Morabito:

I am writing to support the Port San Luis Harbor District's application for funding for a California Coastal Trail Gateway project at the Harbor in San Luis Obispo County, near Avila Beach, CA.

- Port San Luis Harbor District is a local government agency which has demonstrated successful coastal access improvements in the past.
- The location of these improvements is a perfect one to coordinate the coastal trail and Pecho coast trail to the Point San Luis Light house.
- There exists a need for coastal trail facilities for bikes, transit stops, restrooms, parking and small boat storage areas.
- Many people from throughout the state visit the Avila and Port area, which will use these coastal facilities if built.
- The project is adjacent to many other coastal related visiting serving uses and will be complementary to these existing facilities.
- There is local public support for this project.
- The proposed project has been environmentally reviewed and has no environmental impacts.
- The public benefits the Coastal Trail Gateway are that it connects to the transportation system in San Luis Obispo County, which provides easy access from all major entry points in the region (highway, bike trail, airport, etc.).

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Pam Heatherington
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May 27, 2004

Mr. Paul Morabito, Chair
Attn: Marc Beyeler
California State Coastal Conservancy
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Dear Mr. Morabito:

I am writing on behalf of the Center for Coastal Marine Sciences (CCMS), California Polytechnic State University, in support of the Port San Luis Harbor District's application for funding for a California Coastal Trail Gateway project at the Harbor in San Luis Obispo County, near Avila Beach, Ca. The CCMS is located on the former UNOCAL pier in San Luis Bay. As Manger of the CCMS for the past two years, I have worked closely with the staff of the Port San Luis Harbor District. The assistance and guidance provided by the Harbor District had been crucial to the success of our center as a teaching and research facility. Port San Luis Harbor District is a local government agency that, despite an often-limited budget, has demonstrated successful coastal access improvements in the past.

The Port San Luis and Avila Beach area is a popular destination for local and out of town visitors. The proposed project would enhance recreational use of this area by improving access and providing needed improvements such as trail facilities for bikes, transit stops, restrooms, parking and small boat storage areas. This project would also provide a means of coordinating the coastal trail and Pecho coast trail to the Point San Luis Light house, as well as other many other coastal related visiting sites. The proposed improvements will benefit the Coastal Trail Gateway project by building on existing connections to the transportation system in San Luis Obispo County, providing easy access from all major entry points in the region (highway, bike trail, airport, etc). Accordingly, there is local public support for this project. The proposed project has been environmentally reviewed and has no environmental impacts (ref. Port San Luis Harbor District Master Plan, June 2003).

The Faculty and Staff of the CCMS fully endorse this project and appreciate your support of the Harbor District's application.

Sincerely,

Thomas J. Moylan
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21 May 2004

Mr. Paul Morabito, Chair
Attn: Marc Beyeler
California State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, Suite 1100
Oakland, CA. 94612-2530

Dear Mr. Morabito:

I am writing to support the Port San Luis Harbor District's application for funding for a California Coastal Trail Gateway project at the Harbor in San Luis Obispo County, near Avila Beach, Ca.

- Port San Luis Harbor District is a local government agency which has demonstrated successful coastal access improvements in the past.
- The location of these improvements is a perfect one to coordinate the coastal trail and Pecho coast trail to the Point San Luis Light house.
- There exists a need for coastal trail facilities for bikes, transit stops, restrooms, parking and small boat storage areas.
- The proposed project has been environmentally reviewed and has no environmental impacts.
- The public benefits to the Coastal Trail Gateway are that it connects to the transportation system in San Luis Obispo County which provides easy access from all major entry points in the region (highway, bike trail, airport, etc).

Sincerely,

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Benito J. Crescione
Mayor, City of Pismo Beach

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Mr. Paul Morabito, Chair
Attn: Marc Beyeler
California State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, Suite 1100
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Subject: Port San Luis Harbor District's application for funding for a California Coastal Trail Gateway project

Dear Mr. Morabito:

Please support the Port San Luis Harbor District's application for funding for a California Coastal Trail Gateway project at the Harbor in San Luis Obispo County, near Avila Beach, CA.

As a resident of Pismo Beach and a member of the San Luis Yacht Club located in Avila Beach I support the districts application for the following reasons:

1. I would use the trail and eliminate car trips when using Avila Beach for recreation.
2. I have personally worked with the Port San Luis Harbor District and as a local government agency have demonstrated successful coastal access improvements in the past.
3. The location of these improvements is a perfect one to coordinate the coastal trail and Pecho coast trail to the Point San Luis Light house (incredible view point).
4. There exists a need for coastal trail facilities for bikes, transit stops, restrooms, parking and small boat storage areas.
5. Many people from through out the state visit the Avila and Port area which will use these coastal faculties when built.
6. The project is adjacent to many other coastal related visiting serving uses and will be complementary to these existing facilities, such as the SLYC.
7. I told the proposed project has been environmentally reviewed and has no environmental impacts.
8. The public benefits to the Coastal Trail Gateway are that it connects to the transportation system in San Luis Obispo County which provides easy access from all major entry points in the region (highway, bike trail, airport, etc).

i appreciate your support of the Harbor District's application, and look forward to a time when we can easily access the area via the proposed trail and connectors in the area. Thanks.

Best Regards,



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