

EXHIBIT 1: Letters of Support



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July 26, 2004

Paul Morabito, Chair
Coastal Conservancy Board of Directors
1330 Broadway, Suite 1100
Oakland, CA 94612

RE: Authorizing Proposition 40 Funds for the San Francisco Bay Trail Project

Dear Chairman Morabito:

The Sonoma County Regional Parks Department supports the California Coastal Conservancy's proposal to authorize \$3.8 million for the San Francisco Bay Trail Project from Proposition 40 park bond funds designated for this purpose.

The Sonoma County Regional Parks Department has previously received a \$35,000 planning grant for the northern corridor of the Bay Trail from Marin county through Sonoma county and over to Napa and Solano counties. We have almost completed the plan and are eager to proceed with implementation of a Bay Trail section through the North Bay.

Completion of the San Francisco Bay Trail is important to Sonoma County because it will provide people links to adjacent communities and to the region's wide variety of shoreline resources, including parks, employment centers, transportation hubs and natural places. The value of the Bay Trail to our county is in our shared vision of creating recreational opportunities, allowing residents to walk and bicycle between neighborhoods and towns, reducing automobile traffic and congestion, and developing public access, appreciation and commitment to natural bay habitat.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Philip Sales".

Philip Sales
Park Planning and Design Administrator

cc: **Laura Thompson, Bay Trail Project Manager**

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July 27, 2004

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Coastal Conservancy Board of Directors
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Oakland, CA 94612

RE: Authorizing Proposition 40 Funds for the San Francisco Bay Trail Project

Dear Chairman Morabito,

East Bay Regional Park District (District) supports the California Coastal Conservancy's proposal to authorize \$3.8 million for the San Francisco Bay Trail Project from Proposition 40 park bond funds designated for this purpose.

The District aims to provide a system of shoreline parks and trails along the San Francisco Bay, which protects resources, provides shoreline access and improves transportation. The District has benefited greatly from its involvement with the San Francisco Bay Trail Project. We have received grants to build trail bridges in Oakland and Pinole and build 1/2-mile of trail in Oakland. We also received three planning grants for the extension of the Bay Trail in Richmond and Pinole.

Completion of the Bay Trail is important to the District because it will provide people links to adjacent communities and to the region's wide variety of shoreline resources, including parks, employment centers, transportation hubs and natural places. The value of the Bay Trail to the District is in our shared vision of creating recreational opportunities, allowing residents to walk and bicycle between neighborhoods and towns, reducing automobile traffic and congestion, and developing public access, appreciation and commitment to natural bay habitat.

Sincerely,

Pat O'Brien
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cc: Laura Thompson, Bay Trail Project Manager



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