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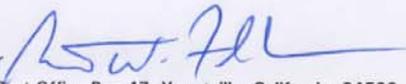
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Memorandum

To : Ms. Nadine Hitchcock
Bay Program Manager
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 11th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

Date: October 21, 2004

From : Robert W. Floerke, Regional Manager 
Department of Fish and Game - Central Coast Region, Post Office Box 47, Yountville, California 94599

Subject: Bay Area Ridge Trail Council Grant Applications

The Department of Fish and Game (DFG) is writing to express our support for the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council's application for two grants: one for continued planning and coordination work and the other for trail construction and acquisition projects through the Bay Program of the California Coastal Conservancy.

DFG has worked with the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council to plan and implement segments of the Bay Area Ridge Trail. We believe it is vital to support the Council's ongoing work in order to achieve the vision of a continuous ridgeline trail connecting State lands, parks, and open spaces. We have benefited from the assistance and leadership we have received from the Council's staff. Without their support, momentum on the Ridge Trail would slow significantly.

Currently, we are benefiting from the Council's involvement with the proposed ridge segment located at Rector Reservoir Wildlife Area. The 340-acre State Wildlife Area is leased from the Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) for "open space and conservation purposes" while maintaining the integrity of the watershed surrounding Rector Reservoir.

I urge you to assist in allocating \$4 million to Ridge Trail projects, including a \$1,375,000 multi-year planning grant to the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council and a \$3.6 million construction and acquisition grants program for partners.

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Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Tina Fabula, Assistant Lands Coordinator, at (707) 944-5538; or Ms. Terry Palmisano, Senior Wildlife Biologist, at (831) 649-2890.

cc: Mr. Abe Doherty
Project Manager
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October 18, 2004

Ms. Nadine Hitchcock
Bay Program Manager
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 11th Floor
Oakland, California 94612-2530

Dear Ms. Hitchcock,

The purpose of this letter is to express my strong support for the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council's application for two grants, one for continued planning and coordination work and the second for trail construction and acquisition projects through the Bay Program of the California Coastal Conservancy.

The Diablo Vista District of the California Department of Parks and Recreation has worked closely with the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council for over a decade to plan and implement the Bay Area Ridge Trail. We believe it is vital to support the Council's ongoing work in order to achieve the vision of a continuous ridgeline trail connecting parks and open space. We have greatly benefited from the assistance and leadership we have received from the Council's staff.

Currently we are benefiting from the Council's involvement with Sonoma Mountain (Jack London State Park to Sonoma Mountain Road) project planning, Beltane Ranch acquisition and landowner outreach efforts to two of our units.

Additionally, we have other projects we are considering whose success will depend on staff support from the Council and financial support through the Coastal Conservancy. These projects will add more miles of Ridge Trail which benefit all Bay Area residents.

We urge you to assist in allocating \$4 million to Ridge Trail projects, including a \$1,375,000 multi-year planning grant to the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council and a \$3.6 million construction and acquisition grants program for partners.

Thank you for consideration.

Sincerely,

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Donald P. Monahan
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Dear Ms. Hitchcock:

I am writing to express East Bay Regional Park District's strong support for the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council's application for two California Coastal Conservancy - Bay Program grants: one for continued planning and coordination work and one for trail construction and acquisition projects.

The East Bay Regional Park District has worked closely with the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council to plan and implement the Bay Area Ridge Trail. I believe it is vital to support the Council's ongoing work in order to achieve the vision of a continuous ridgeline trail connecting parks, ridgelines, and open spaces. We have greatly benefited from the assistance and leadership we have received from the Council's staff. Without their support, momentum on the Ridge Trail would slow significantly.

Recent projects that have benefited from the Council's involvement include:

- Crockett Hills Staging Area and trails project.
- Garin - Dry Creek Land Use Plan.
- Vargas Plateau Land Use Plan.

There remains significant project work to be done once to not only implement these land use plans, but to connect Vargas Plateau with Mission Peak, to connect Kennedy Grove Regional Park with Sobrante Ridge Regional Park, and to cross Niles Canyon. The success of these projects will depend on staff support from the Council and financial support through the Coastal Conservancy. These projects will add another 8 miles of Ridge Trail, while at the same time preserving significant stretches of open space for the Ridge Trail corridor, benefiting all Bay Area residents.

I urge you to assist in allocating \$4 million to Ridge Trail projects, including a \$1,375,000 multi-year planning grant to the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council and a \$3.6 million construction and acquisition grants program for agency partners.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Pat O'Brien, General Manager

cc: Abe Doherty, Project Manager, California Coastal Conservancy
Bay Area Ridge Trail Council

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Ms. Nadine Hitchcock
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Dear Nadine:

I've been asked by Dee Swanhuysen of the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council to send this letter in support of the Council's grant requests for continued planning and coordination work and for trail construction and acquisition projects through the Conservancy's Bay Program.

I wholeheartedly support the Ridge Trail Council's requests. The Open Space District and the people of Marin County have benefited significantly from the assistance and leadership we have received from the Council's staff, and from Conservancy funding provided by the Council. We are currently at work on the White Hill Underpass Trail and the Inkwells Bridge Trail, two construction projects that wouldn't have been possible without the Ridge Trail's involvement and funding assistance. Additionally, we have several other projects currently in the planning stage whose success will depend on the Council's receipt of additional Conservancy funding. These projects will add several more miles of Ridge Trail.

The Coastal Conservancy's support of the Council's ongoing work is vital to achieve the vision of a continuous ridgeline trail connecting parks, ridgelines and open spaces in Marin and throughout the Bay Area.

I urge you to assist in allocating \$4 million to Ridge Trail projects, including a \$1,375,000 multi-year planning grant to the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council and a \$3.6 million construction and acquisition grants program for partners.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Ronald Miska
Assistant General Manager

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Dear Ms. Hitchcock: *Nadine*

I am writing to express my strong support for the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council's application for two California Coastal Conservancy - Bay Program grants: one for continued planning and coordination work and one for trail construction and acquisition projects.

The Muir Heritage Land Trust has worked closely with the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council to plan and implement the Bay Area Ridge Trail. I believe it is vital to support the Council's ongoing work in order to achieve the vision of a continuous ridgeline trail connecting parks, ridgelines, and open spaces. We have greatly benefited from the assistance and leadership we have received from the Council's staff. Without their support, momentum on the Ridge Trail would slow significantly.

Recent projects that have benefited from the Council's involvement include:

- Gustin Ranch Acquisition
- Almond Ranch negotiations
- Dutra Ranch Acquisition

There are at least four acquisitions along Franklin Ridge whose success will depend on staff support from the Council and financial support through the Coastal Conservancy. These projects will add another 4 miles of Ridge Trail, and will preserve another 600 acres of land for the Ridge Trail corridor, benefiting all Bay Area residents.

I urge you to assist in allocating \$4 million to Ridge Trail projects, including a \$1,375,000 multi-year planning grant to the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council and a \$3.6 million construction and acquisition grants program for agency partners.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Tina

Christina N. Batt, Executive Director

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Dear Ms. Hitchcock:

I am writing to express my strong support for the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council's application for two California Coastal Conservancy - Bay Program grants: one for continued planning and coordination work, and one for trail construction and acquisition projects.

The Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District has worked closely with the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council to plan and implement the Bay Area Ridge Trail. I believe it is vital to support the Council's ongoing work in order to achieve the vision of a continuous ridgeline trail connecting parks, ridgelines, and open spaces. We have greatly benefited from the assistance and leadership we have received from the Council's staff. Without their support, momentum on the Ridge Trail would slow significantly.

Recent projects that have benefited from the Council's involvement include:

- Daloia and Neville Acquisitions.
- Jacques' Ridge Staging Area Construction.
- La Honda Creek Open Space Preserve Master Plan.

There is significant land to acquire and numerous trail segments to connect to secure the Ridge Trail alignment and implement the Ridge Trail from Highway 92 in San Mateo County to Hicks Road in Santa Clara County. The success of these acquisitions and trail projects will depend on staff support from the Council and financial support through the Coastal Conservancy. These projects will add approximately 15 miles of Ridge Trail, and will preserve a phenomenal stretch of open space for the Ridge Trail corridor, benefiting all Bay Area residents.

I urge you to assist in allocating \$4 million to Ridge Trail projects, including a \$1,375,000 multi-year planning grant to the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council, and a \$3.6 million construction and acquisition grants program for agency partners.

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Thank you for your consideration.

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October 29, 2004

Ms. Nadine Hitchcock
Bay Program Manager
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 11th Floor
Oakland, Ca 94612-2530

Dear Ms. Hitchcock,

I am writing to express strong support for the Bay Ridge Trail Council's application for two grants: one for continued planning and coordination work and one for trail construction and acquisition projects through the Bay Program of the California Coastal Conservancy.

The City of Petaluma has worked closely with the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council to plan and implement the Bay Area Ridge Trail. I believe it is vital to support the Council's ongoing work in order to achieve the vision of a continuous ridgeline trail connecting parks, ridgelines and open spaces. We have greatly benefited from the assistance and leadership we have received from the Council's staff. Without their support, momentum on the Ridge Trail would slow significantly.

Currently the residents of the City of Petaluma are benefiting from the Council's involvement as well as the Coastal Conservancy's support, in the development of the Petaluma River Trail. What I, my staff and our Recreation, Music and Parks Commission have observed, is that our community is more and more using our developing trail system to not only travel through the community, but to observe and learn about the different eco-systems along the way. Due to the favorable response by our community, a docent program with over 20 trained docents' lead educational tours along our Shollenberger Park portion of our Petaluma River trail system. Groups such as local schools and the Audubon Society continue to take advantage of this program, pointing to the ongoing need by local as well as bay area residents to access otherwise closed areas of our community. In recent public meetings held throughout the community, the need and desire on the part of our citizens for more such trail systems to be developed was strongly expressed, especially tying into our surrounding hillsides. The Bay Ridge Trail Network is a key to satisfying this expressed need, and that is why I am so strident in my support for the Bay Ridge Trail Council to be able to continue their work.

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Additionally, we have other projects we are considering whose success will depend on staff support from the Council and financial support from the Coastal Conservancy. These projects will add several more miles of Ridge Trail, benefiting all Bay Area residents.

I urge you to assist in allocating \$4 million to Ridge Trail projects, including a \$1,375,000 multi-year planning grant to the Bay Ridge Trail Council and a \$3.6 million construction and acquisition grants program for partners.

Thank you for your continual support and consideration of my request.

Sincerely,



Jim Carr

Director

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Ms. Nadine Hitchcock
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Dear Ms. Hitchcock:

I am writing to express my strong support for the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council's application for two California Coastal Conservancy - Bay Program grants: one for continued planning and coordination work and one for trail construction and acquisition projects.

The Santa Clara County Open Space Authority has worked closely with the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council to plan and implement the Bay Area Ridge Trail. I believe it is vital to support the Council's ongoing work in order to achieve the vision of a continuous ridgeline trail connecting parks, ridgelines, and open spaces. We have greatly benefited from the assistance and leadership we have received from the Council's staff. Without their support, momentum on the Ridge Trail would slow significantly.

Recent projects that have benefited from the Council's involvement include:

- Aoki Acquisition (In the east foothills of San Jose off Mt Hamilton Road)
- Boccardo Trail (Adjacent to the City of San Jose's Alum Rock Park)

There is significant land to acquire to secure the Ridge Trail alignment through Santa Clara County. The success of these acquisitions will depend on staff support from the Council and financial support through the Coastal Conservancy. These projects will add 20 miles of Ridge Trail, and will preserve a phenomenal stretch of open space for the Ridge Trail corridor, benefiting all Bay Area residents.

I urge you to assist in allocating \$4 million to Ridge Trail projects, including a \$1,375,000 multi-year planning grant to the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council and a \$3.6 million construction and acquisition grants program for agency partners.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Patrick Congdon, General Manager

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Ms. Nadine Hitchcock
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California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 11th Floor
Oakland, CA 94619-2530

Dear Ms. Hitchcock:

I am writing to express my strong support for the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council's application for two California Coastal Conservancy - Bay Program grants: one for continued planning and coordination work and one for trail construction and acquisition projects.

The Santa Clara County's Parks and Recreation Department has worked closely with the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council to plan and implement the Bay Area Ridge Trail. I believe it is vital to support the Council's ongoing work in order to achieve the vision of a continuous ridgeline trail connecting parks, ridgelines, and open spaces. We have greatly benefited from the assistance and leadership we have received from the Council's staff. Without their support, momentum on the Ridge Trail would slow significantly.

Recent projects that have benefited from the Council's involvement include:

- Coyote Creek Parkway: Silver Creek to Silicon Valley Blvd.
- Almaden-Quicksilver Staging Area and Trail Construction.
- Coyote Lake / Harvey Bear Ranch Staging Area and Trail Construction.

There is significant land to acquire and numerous trail segments to construct to secure the Ridge Trail alignment and implement the Ridge Trail through Santa Clara County. The success of these acquisitions and construction projects will depend on staff support from the Council and financial support through the Coastal Conservancy. These projects will add approximately 20 miles of Ridge Trail, and will preserve a phenomenal stretch of open space for the Ridge Trail corridor, benefiting all Bay Area residents.



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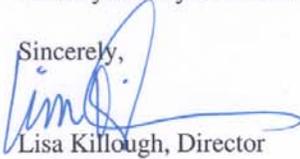


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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Lisa Killough, Director

cc: Abe Doherty, Project Manager, California Coastal Conservancy
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Dear Ms. Hitchcock:

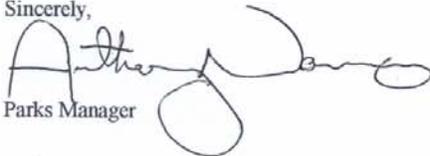
I am writing to express my strong support for the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council's application for two grants: one for continued planning and coordination work and one for trail construction and acquisition projects through the Bay Program of the California Coastal Conservancy.

Solano County Regional Parks has worked closely with the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council to plan and implement the Bay Area Ridge Trail. I believe it is vital to support the Council's ongoing work in order to achieve the vision of a continuous ridgeline trail connecting parks, ridgelines and open spaces. We have greatly benefited from the assistance we have received from the Council's staff. Without their support, momentum on the Ridge Trail would slow significantly.

I urge you to assist in allocating \$4 million to Ridge Trail projects, including a \$1,375,000 multi-year planning grant to the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council and a \$3.6 million construction and acquisition grants program for partners.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


Parks Manager

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Ms. Nadine Hitchcock
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Dear Nadine:

I want to add Sonoma County Regional Parks Department's support for the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council's application for two important grants: one for continued planning and coordination work and one for trail construction and acquisition projects through the Bay Program of the California Coastal Conservancy.

Sonoma County Regional Parks has worked closely with the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council to plan and implement the Bay Area Ridge Trail. In the past the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council has worked with the Regional Parks Department to establish Ridge Trail sections at Spring Lake Park and Helen Putnam Park. In addition many of our feeder trails rely on future Ridge Trail connections, such as the West County/Joe Rodota Trail, which has received funding from the Conservancy. I believe it is vital to support the Council's ongoing work in order to achieve the vision of a continuous ridgeline trail connecting parks, ridgelines and open spaces. We have greatly benefited from the assistance and leadership we have received from the Council's staff. Without their support, momentum on the Ridge Trail would slow significantly.

Current projects that have benefited from the Council's involvement include a pending grant to us for the Hood Mountain Regional Parks Expansion Project totaling \$235,100. Additionally, we have two other projects we are considering whose success will depend on staff support from the Council and financial support through the Coastal Conservancy. These projects will develop the plans necessary to implement the Ridge Trail and add several more miles of Ridge Trail, benefiting all Bay Area residents.

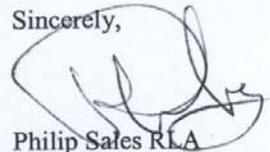
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I urge you to assist in allocating \$4 million to Ridge Trail projects, including a \$1,375,000 multi-year planning grant to the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council and a \$3.6 million construction and acquisition grants program for partners.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Philip Sales RLA
Park Planning and Design Administrator
Sonoma County Regional Parks Department

cc: **Abe Doherty**, Project Manager, California Coastal Conservancy,
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Dear Nadine:

I am writing to express our support for the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council's application for two grants for continued planning and coordination work and for trail construction and acquisition projects through the Bay Program of the California Coastal Conservancy.

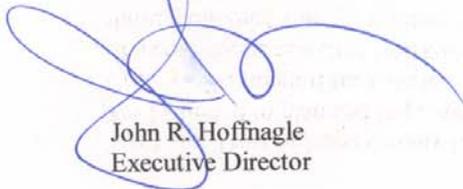
The Land Trust of Napa County has worked closely with the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council to plan and implement the Bay Area Ridge Trail within Napa County. We support the Council's ongoing work in order to achieve the vision of a continuous ridgeline trail connecting parks, ridgelines and open spaces throughout the County. Without their support, momentum on the Ridge Trail would slow significantly in Napa County, which as you know has no country parks department or open space district.

To date we have benefited from the Council's involvement in the Newell Preserve in American Canyon and the Tuteur property east of the city of napa. We are also working with the Ridge Trail on other important projects in Napa County including the Veterans Home and the Mead Ranch.

I ask you to favorably consider funding for the Bay Area Ridge Trail and the work that they are doing in Napa County.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



John R. Hoffnagle
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November 3, 2004

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Dear Ms. Hitchcock:

I would like to express my strong support for the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council's application for the following grants: one to provide for continued planning and coordination work and one for trail construction and acquisition projects through the Bay Program of the California Coastal Conservancy.

Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District has worked closely with the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council in its efforts to plan and implement the Bay Area Ridge Trail. Support for the Council's ongoing work is important to accomplish the vision of a continuous ridgeline trail connecting parks, expansive vistas and open space. District staff appreciates the assistance and dedication demonstrated by the Council's staff. Their continued support is integral to successful implementation of the Ridge Trail.

Currently, the District is coordinating with the Council as part of our conservation planning activities on Sonoma Mountain. Further, staff support from the Council and financial support through the Coastal Conservancy will both complement and benefit other current land preservation projects. These projects will add several more miles of Ridge Trail for the enjoyment of all Bay Area residents and visitors.

I respectfully request your assistance in allocating \$4 million to Ridge Trail projects, including a \$1,375,000 multi-year planning grant to the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council and a \$2.6 million construction and acquisition grants program for partners.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Maria J. Cipriani
Acting General Manager

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October 20, 2004

Ms. Nadine Hitchcock
Bay Program Manager
California Conservancy
1330 Broadway 11th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

Dear Ms. Hitchcock:

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Recently, we are benefiting from the Council's involvement with planning the Ridge Trail segment through Glen Cove Park.

We also have two projects we are considering whose success will depend on staff support from the Council and financial support through the Coastal Conservancy. These projects will develop the plans necessary and help with construction costs to implement the Ridge Trail, adding several more miles of Ridge Trail and benefiting all Bay Area residents.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


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Cc: Abe Doherty, Project Manager, California Coastal Conservancy, 1330 Broadway, 11th floor
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EXHIBIT 2: Letters of Support



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