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October 23, 2004

Mr. Paul Morabito, Chairman
State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 11th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

UPPER SULPHUR CREEK RESTORATION PROJECT

Dear Mr. Morabito:

This letter is being sent to express our support for the \$1.2 million Upper Sulphur Creek Restoration Project being implemented by the City of Laguna Niguel with the assistance of \$928,000 in grant funding from the State Water Resources Control Board Non-Point Source Pollution Control Program.

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These goals are completely compatible with those of the Wetland Recovery Project. I strongly encourage the Coastal Conservancy to provide the remainder of the financial support needed for project construction so these important objectives can be achieved.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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DICK ACKERMAN
Senate Republican Leader
33rd Senate District

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November 8, 2004

DEBORAH RUDDOCK

Mr. Paul Morabito, Chairman
State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 11th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

RE: Upper Sulphur Creek Restoration Project

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Sincerely,

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Assemblywoman Patricia C. Bates
73rd Assembly District

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CROWN ROYALE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

C/O Seabreeze Management Company, Inc.

39 Argonaut, Suite 100

Aliso Viejo, CA 92656

(949) 855-1800 (949) 855-6678 Fax

October 25, 2004

Nancy Palmer
Senior Watershed Manager
27791 La Paz Road
Laguna Niguel, CA 92677

RE: UPPER SULPHUR CREEK PROJECT

Dear Nancy:

Thank you for attending the Crown Royale Homeowners Association Board of Directors Meeting to explain the subject project. Please be advised that the Board has unanimously endorsed Alternative #3 for the Middle Reach - Crown Royale HOA.

Please inform us of any public meetings with the city, as we would like to attend. If you should have further questions or concerns, please contact Matt Benson at Seabreeze Management Company, (949) 855-1800, ext. 217.

Sincerely,



H.R. Steinhoff
President

Crown Royale Homeowners Association

Niguel Ridge Homeowners Association
25910 Acero Street, 2nd Floor; Mission Viejo, CA 92691

October 21, 2004

Ms. Deborah Ruddock, Project Manager
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 11th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

UPPER SULPHUR CREEK RESTORATION PROJECT

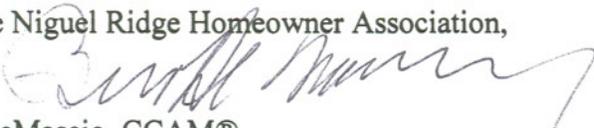
Dear Ms. Ruddock:

This letter is being sent to express the support of the Niguel Ridge Homeowner Association for the Upper Sulphur Creek Restoration Project being implemented by the City of Laguna Niguel. The Association Board of Directors was contacted and expressed its support for the project when the conceptual plan was developed two years ago at the time grant applications were first proposed by the City. In Summer 2005, the Board met again with Nancy Palmer, the City's Project Manager, and reviewed and commented on the updated plans. The Association has also received a copy of the Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration document, which reflects the Board's comments and includes more detailed plan information.

It is our understanding that the project will include the removal of invasive weedy plants from the restoration area, the replacement of concrete ditches with a widened soft-bottom channel, and re-vegetation with native plant species. The Association currently owns and maintains a portion of the property on which the restoration project would occur. The City has proposed that any areas converted by the grant project to native vegetation would be maintained in the future by the City to assure compatibility with long-term goals for wildlife habitat and enjoyment by the public. The Association has expressed its support for this approach and has indicated its willingness to grant a permanent maintenance easement over the restoration area, at no cost to the City.

The Niguel Ridge Homeowner Association strongly encourages the Wetland Recovery Project to provide financial support for the project. We appreciate your consideration of our comments and are looking forward to project implementation.

For the Niguel Ridge Homeowner Association,


Bert DeMascio, CCAM®
District Manager
Merit Property Management

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OAKLAND, CA, CA 94612

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January 10, 2005

Ms. Deborah Ruddock, Project Manager
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 11th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

UPPER SULPHUR CREEK RESTORATION PROJECT

Dear Ms. Ruddock:

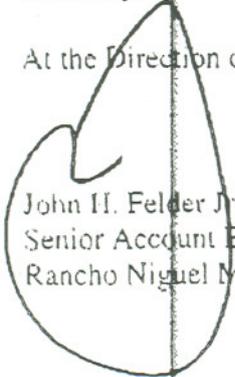
This letter is being sent to express the support of the Rancho Niguel Master Association for the Upper Sulphur Creek Restoration Project being implemented by the City of Laguna Niguel. The Association Board of Directors was contacted and expressed its support for the project when the conceptual plan was developed two years ago at the time grant applications were first proposed by the City. In Summer 2004, the Board met again with Nancy Palmer, the City's Project Manager, reviewed the updated plans, and expressed its unanimous support. The Association was also provided a copy of the Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration document, which reflected the Board's comments and includes more detailed plan information.

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The Rancho Niguel Master Association strongly encourages the Coastal Conservancy to provide financial support for the project. We appreciate your consideration of our comments and are looking forward to project implementation.

Sincerely,

At the Direction of the Board of Directors


John H. Felder Jr. CMCA® CCAM® PCAM®
Senior Account Executive
Rancho Niguel Master Community Association



April 14, 2004

DEBORAH RUDDOCK

Ms. Nancy Palmer
Senior Watershed Manager
City of Laguna Niguel
27791 La Paz Road
Laguna Niguel, CA 92677

SUBJECT: LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE UPPER SULPHER CREEK
RESTORATION PROJECT

Dear Ms. Palmer:

This letter will serve as a Letter of Support to assist the City of Laguna Niguel (City) with its habitat restoration of the Upper Sulpher Creek project.

Following Director Matt Rayl's presentation and Shadetree Partnership Inc. (Shadetree) Board of Director's review of the project proposal summary/description, the Board has indicated an interest in partnering with the City. Shadetree's participation would be in the form of providing trees and riparian plants in a limited amount, to be determined by the Board once more information is available. It is our understanding this project will team the City, three (3) Homeowners Associations, the Niguel Botanical Preserve and groups of volunteers to restore up to 28 acres of wildlife habitat as native wetland/transitional scrub plant communities along a 1.7 mile stream corridor through a suburban zone.

Once you and your partners are at the point of providing varieties, number of trees and riparian plants required, the Shadetree Board will again review your project in more detail.

If you have any questions in the interim, please feel free to contact me at 949/453-5392.

Sincerely,

Thomas Bonkowski
Shadetree Partnership, Inc.

fax 949-453-5354

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cc: Board of Directors, Shadetree Partnership, Inc.
Joan Arneson, BAW&G



Niguel Botanical

Preserve
29751 CROWN VALLEY PARKWAY
LAGUNA NIGUEL, CA 92677

REPLY TO:

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Laguna Niguel, CA 92677-2483
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e-mail: geepeem@cox.net

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November 12, 2004

Mr. Paul Morabito, Chairman
State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 11th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

Dear Mr. Morabito:

The Niguel Botanical Preserve, a non-profit volunteer organization dedicated to water conservation and quality would like to go on record as supporting the Upper Sulphur Creek Restoration Project in Laguna Niguel, California. This project is being assisted by grant funding from the State Water Resources Control Board Not-Point Source Pollution Control Program.

The restoration project will include the removal of invasive weeds, the replacement of concrete ditches and revegetation with native plants. The City of Laguna Niguel, according to our understanding, will maintain the restored areas with the environment and the public in mind.

We wish to urge the Coastal Conservancy Wetland Recover Project to provide the necessary financial support to make this project a reality.

Very truly yours,
Niguel Botanical Preserve


Jerry McCloskey
President

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November 9, 2004

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Mr. Paul Morabito, Chairman
State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 11th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

UPPER SULPHUR CREEK RESTORATION PROJECT

Dear Mr. Morabito:

As Executive Director of Trails4All, a non-profit agency dedicated to increasing the awareness of issues related to the construction and maintenance of recreational trails throughout Orange County, I would like to lend our support for the Upper Sulphur Creek Restoration Project being implemented by the City of Laguna Niguel with the assistance of grant funding from the State Water Resources Control Board Non-Point Source Pollution Control Program.

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Trails4All strongly encourages the Coastal Conservancy's Wetland Recovery Project to provide the remainder of the financial support needed for the project to achieve all of its implementation goals.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jim Meyer", is written over a horizontal line.

Jim Meyer

