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December 22, 2004

Mr. Douglas Bosco
Board Chairman
California State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 11th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I am writing to let you know of my support for a new Marine Education Center at Año Nuevo State Reserve along the San Mateo Coast. Año Nuevo State Reserve is world renowned for its eco-visitor interpretive programs and the largest mainland breeding colony of elephant seals in the world. Each year more than 200,000 visitors come to Año Nuevo to view the northern elephant seals in their natural habitat and enjoy the magnificent recreational and educational benefits of the Reserve. In the winter months alone, more than 15,000 school children take part in interpretive walks through the coastal elephant seal colonies— a vivid and memorable experience that helps foster a life-long interest and passion for preserving this coastal area.

Existing facilities at the Reserve are inadequate to serve increasing numbers of visitors. Each year approximately one-half of the schools that attempt to make reservations are turned away due to limited space. Creation of a Marine Center will provide space for interpretive exhibits and presentations, as well as educational facilities for docent trainings and school group programs. Further, it will ensure that each year hundreds more children will benefit from this educational resource, without encroaching into the unique habitats and natural resources that exist on this site.

I enthusiastically support the efforts of California State Parks, the California State Parks Foundation, and the San Mateo Coast Natural History Association to create a new Marine Education Center at Año Nuevo State Reserve. Successfully educating children and the public about the importance of marine habitats will help ensure the preservation of California's coast for future generations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dianne Feinstein".

Dianne Feinstein
United States Senator

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December 23, 2004

Ms. Ruth Coleman, Director
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Dear Director Coleman:

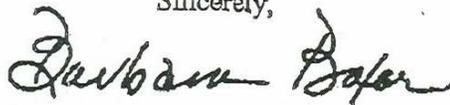
I understand that there are plans to create a new Marine Education Center at the Año Nuevo State Reserve in San Mateo County.

Año Nuevo State Reserve is world renowned as the home of the largest mainland breeding colony of elephant seals in the world. Every year, thousands of people visit Año Nuevo to see the elephant seals and enjoy the coastal reserve. By creating a new Marine Education Center, Año Nuevo State Reserve will be able to better accommodate an increasing number of people who come to visit. I understand the new Center would help educate more than 200,000 visitors annually, including approximately 25,000 school children.

If created, the Center will provide space for interpretive exhibits and educational facilities for docent training and school group programs. Successfully educating children and the public about the importance of marine habitats will help ensure the preservation of California's coast for future generations. As an advocate for healthy oceans, I believe that a new Marine Education Center will benefit both visitors and residents of California who are eager to learn about marine ecosystems.

Please keep me updated on any new developments on this project. Any news on the project can be sent to my Field Representative, Jennifer Tang, who can be reached in my San Francisco Office at: 1700 Montgomery Street, Suite 204, San Francisco, CA 94110, by phone at (415) 403-0116, or via email at Jennifer_Tang@boxer.senate.gov.

Sincerely,



Barbara Boxer
United States Senator

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*Anna G. Eshoo
Fourteenth District
California*

December 22, 2004

The Honorable Douglas Bosco, Chair
California State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 11th Floor
Oakland, California 94612

Dear Doug,

I'm writing to support the creation of a new Marine Education Center at Año Nuevo State Reserve on the San Mateo County Coast.

Año Nuevo State Reserve is home to the largest mainland breeding colony of northern elephant seals in the world. Each year more than 200,000 visitors come to Año Nuevo to view the seals and enjoy the magnificent recreational and educational benefits of the Reserve. In the winter months alone, more than 15,000 school children take part in interpretive walks through the seal colonies, creating vivid memories and helping to foster interest in preserving this unique coastal area.

Existing facilities at the Reserve are not adequate to serve the ever-increasing numbers of visitors. Each year approximately half the schools that attempt to make reservations to view the northern elephant seal rookery are turned away due to limited space.

The creation of a new Marine Education Center will have immediate and long-term positive effects. The Center will provide space for interpretive exhibits and presentations, as well as educational facilities for docent trainings and school group programs. It will ensure that each year hundreds of more children will benefit from this invaluable educational resource, without encroaching into the unique habitats and natural resources that exist at the site.

I support the efforts of California State Parks, the California State Parks Foundation and the San Mateo Coast Natural History Association to create a new Marine Education Center at Año Nuevo State Reserve. Educating children and adults about the importance of marine habitats will help ensure the preservation of California's magnificent coast for future generations to learn from and enjoy.

Sincerely, *and gratefully,*

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Anna G. Eshoo
Member of Congress

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June 14, 2004

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

Dear Chairman Morabito:

I am writing to voice support for the creation of a new Marine Education at Año Nuevo State Reserve along the San Mateo Coast.

Año Nuevo State Reserve is world renowned for its eco-visitor interpretive programs and home to the largest mainland breeding colony of elephant seals in the world. Each year more than 200,000 visitors come to Año Nuevo to view the northern elephant seals in their natural habitat and enjoy the magnificent recreational and educational benefits of the Reserve. In the winter months alone, more than 15,000 school children take part in interpretive walks through the coastal elephant seal colonies— a vivid and memorable experience that helps foster a life-long interest and passion for preserving this coastal area.

Unfortunately, existing facilities at the Reserve are not adequate to serve increasing numbers of visitors. Each year approximately one-half of the schools that attempt to make reservations to view the northern elephant seal rookery are turned away due to limited space.

The creation of the Marine Education Center will have both immediate and long-term positive impacts. The Center will provide space for interpretive exhibits and presentations, as well as educational facilities for docent trainings and school group programs. Further, it will ensure that each year hundreds more children will benefit from this invaluable educational resource, without encroaching into the unique habitats and natural resources that exist on this site.

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Paul Morabito
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Sincerely,

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BYRON D. SHER,
Senator, 11th District

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June 8, 2004

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

Dear Mr. Morabito:

As the Assemblymember who represents the 12th Assembly District, which includes portions of San Mateo County, I am pleased to write in support of a new Marine Education Center at Año Nuevo State Reserve along the San Mateo Coast.

Año Nuevo State Reserve is world renowned for its eco-visitor interpretive programs and home to the largest mainland breeding colony of elephant seals in the world. Each year more than 200,000 visitors come to Año Nuevo to view the northern elephant seals in their natural habitat and enjoy the wonderful recreational and educational benefits of the Reserve. In the winter months alone, more than 15,000 school children participate in interpretive walks to see the coastal elephant seal colonies—a vivid and memorable experience that helps foster a life-long interest and passion for preserving this coastal area.

Unfortunately, existing facilities at the Reserve are not adequate to serve increasing numbers of visitors. Each year approximately one-half of the schools that attempt to make reservations to view the northern elephant seal rookery are turned away because of limited space.

The establishment of a new Marine Education Center will have both immediate and long-term positive effects. The Center will provide space for interpretive exhibits and presentations, as well as educational facilities for docent trainings and school group programs. It will ensure that each year hundreds more children will benefit from this invaluable educational resource, without encroaching on the unique habitats and natural resources that exist on this site.

I enthusiastically support the efforts of California State Parks, the California State Parks Foundation, and the San Mateo Coast Natural History Association to secure funding for a new Marine Education Center at Año Nuevo State Reserve. Educating children and the public about the importance of marine habitats will help ensure the preservation of our coast for future generations. I urge your favorable consideration of their request.

Sincerely,

LELAND Y. YEE, Ph.D.
Speaker pro Tempore
Assemblymember, 12th District
California State Assembly

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cc: Christine Corwin, California State Parks Foundation

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June 15, 2004

Paul Morabito
Board Chairman
California State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway
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Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Chairman Morabito:

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Unfortunately, existing facilities at the Reserve are inadequate to serve increasing numbers of visitors. Each year approximately half of the schools that attempt to make reservations to view the northern elephant seal rookery are turned away due to limited space. Fortunately, this is a problem that we can solve by supporting creation of the Marine Education Center.

The Center will have both immediate and long-term positive impact. The Center will provide space for interpretive exhibits and presentations, as well as educational facilities for docent trainings and school group programs. It will ensure that thousands more children benefit from this invaluable educational resource, without encroaching into the unique habitats and natural resources that exist on this site.

I enthusiastically support the efforts of California State Parks, the California State Parks Foundation, and the San Mateo Coast Natural History Association to create a new Marine Education Center at Año Nuevo State Reserve. Successfully educating children and the public

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about the importance of marine habitats will help ensure the preservation of our coast for future generations.

Sincerely,



S. Joseph Simitian
Assemblyman, 21st District

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RICHARD GORDON

Board of Supervisors
County of San Mateo

Paul Morabito
Board Chairman
c/o Mary Travis
California State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 11th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

June 4, 2004

Dear Mr. Morabito:

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Sincerely,



Richard Gordon

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Ruth Coleman, Direct

June 9, 2004

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Paul Morabito
Board Chairman
California State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway
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Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Chairman Morabito:

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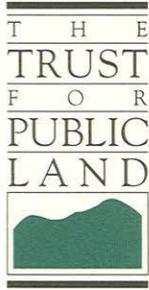
Sincerely,

Ruth Coleman
Director

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for People

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Ms. Barbara Hill
Vice President of Development
California State Parks Foundation
P.O. Box 548
Kentfield, CA 94914

Dear Ms. Hill:

I am writing to voice support for the creation of a new Marine Education at Año Nuevo State Reserve along the San Mateo Coast.

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Sincerely,

Rachel Dinno
Director of Government Relations

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Paul Morabito
Board Chairman
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1330 Broadway, 11th Floor
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Dear Chairman Morabito:

On behalf of the Peninsula Open Space Trust (POST), I would like to express my support for the proposed creation of a new Marine Education Center at Año Nuevo State Reserve.

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Año Nuevo State Reserve is justifiably world-renowned for its eco-visitor interpretive programs. Each year more than 200,000 visitors come to Año Nuevo to view the largest mainland breeding colony of elephant seals in the world and enjoy the reserve's magnificent recreational and educational benefits. Unfortunately, the reserve's existing facilities are not adequate to serve the increasing number of visitors.

The creation of the Marine Education Center will provide space for interpretive exhibits, presentations, and school group programs. It will ensure that each year hundreds more children will benefit from this invaluable educational resource without affecting the reserve's outstanding natural resources.

We enthusiastically support the California State Parks, the California State Parks Foundation, and the San Mateo Coast Natural History Association's project to create a new Marine Education Center. It will provide visitors to the coast with a vivid and memorable experience that will help foster a life-long interest and passion for preserving California's remarkable, world-class coastal resources.

Sincerely,

Audrey C. Rust
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