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December 16, 2004

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

Subject: Hood Mountain Regional Park Expansion Project

Dear Ms Hitchcock:

This letter is to lend my support to Sonoma County Regional Parks' grant application for a Bay Area Ridge Trail Coastal Conservancy Grant to develop five miles of Bay Area Ridge Trail Southeast of Santa Rosa.

This grant is needed because Sonoma County has significant gaps in the Ridge Trail and few developed long segments. The recent acquisition of the 300-acre Johnson Ranch to expand Hood Mountain Regional Park presents a unique opportunity to develop a continuous connection from the end of a public road to the top of the highest mountain between Sonoma and Napa Valleys. This proposed Ridge Trail segment would provide opportunities to access great views, scenic ponds, woodlands and historical areas of interest.

In addition, once this link is established, the efforts to locate a multiple use trail connection between Sugarloaf Ridge State Park and Hood Mountain Regional Park, suitable for the Bay Area Ridge Trail, will gather significant momentum. Therefore, I urge the Coastal Conservancy to favorably consider Sonoma County Regional Parks Department Ridge Trail grant application.

Sincerely,

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cc: Philip Sales
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December 14, 2004

Ms. Nadine Hitchcock
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Oakland, CA 94612-2530

Subject: Hood Mountain Regional Park Expansion Project:

Dear Ms Hitchcock:

This letter is to lend our support to the Sonoma County Regional Parks grant application for a Bay Area Ridge Trail Coastal Conservancy Grant to develop five miles of Bay Area Ridge Trail on the recent Johnson addition.

Our Sonoma County Committee would like to recommend this grant as we have been working on the connection between Annadel State Park and Sugarloaf Ridge State Park and this trail represents an opportunity to close a 5 mile gap.

The trail meets the criteria to provide opportunities to access great views, scenic ponds, woodlands and historical areas of interest.

In addition, once this link is established, the efforts to locate a multiple use trail connection between Sugarloaf Ridge State Park and Hood Mountain Regional Park suitable for the Bay Area Ridge Trail will gather significant momentum. Therefore, I urge the Coastal Conservancy to favorably consider the Sonoma County Regional Parks Department Ridge Trail grant application.

Sincerely,

Carol Vellutini, co-chair Sonoma County Committee Bay Area Ridge Trail

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Dee Swanheyser

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

Subject: Hood Mountain Regional Park Expansion Project:

Dear Ms Hitchcock:

The Parks and Trail committee of the Sonoma Group Sierra Club, with its 5,865 members support the Sonoma County Regional Parks grant application for a Bay Area Ridge Trail Coastal Conservancy Grant to develop five miles of Bay Area Ridge Trail southeast of Santa Rosa.

The Sierra Club has volunteered in Hood Mountain Regional Park for 24 years .We have been involved in many different projects and will support the Bay Area Ridge Trail addition. The recent acquisition of the 300 acre Johnson Ranch to expand Hood Mountain Regional Park presents a unique opportunity to develop a continuous connection from the west to the east.

In addition, once this link is established, the efforts to locate a multiple use trail connection between Sugarloaf Ridge State Park and Hood Mountain Regional Park suitable for the Bay Area Ridge Trail will gather significant momentum. Therefore, we urge the California Coastal Conservancy to favorably consider the Sonoma County Regional Parks Department Ridge Trail grant application.

Sincerely,

Carol Vellutini

Carol Vellutini, Sonoma Group Sierra Club Parks and Trail Committee

cc

✓ Steve Ehret, Regional Parks
Dee Swanhauser, Ridge Trail
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Sonoma County Trails Council

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December 2, 2004

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

Subject: Hood Mountain Regional Park Expansion Project:

Dear Ms. Hitchcock:

I am writing to lend the Sonoma County Trails Council's support to Sonoma County Regional Parks grant application for a Coastal Conservancy Grant to develop five miles of Bay Area Ridge Trail southeast of Santa Rosa. The Trails Council is a 501(c)3 non-profit, established in 1967, dedicated to the creation and maintenance of multi-use trails throughout the county, as well as the education of trail users. We are a consortium of around 100 individuals and trail-user groups (runners, equestrians, mountain bikers and hikers).

This grant is needed because Sonoma County has significant gaps in the Ridge Trail and few developed long segments. The recent acquisition of the 300-acre Johnson Ranch that expands Hood Mountain Regional Park presents a unique opportunity to develop a continuous connection from the end of a public road to the top of the highest mountain between Sonoma and Napa Valleys. This proposed Ridge Trail segment would provide opportunities to access great views, scenic ponds, woodlands and historical areas of interest.

In addition, once this link is established, the efforts to locate a multiple use trail connection between Sugarloaf Ridge State Park and Hood Mountain Regional Park suitable for the Bay Area Ridge Trail will gather significant momentum. Therefore, we urge the CA Coastal Conservancy to favorably consider Sonoma County Regional Parks' Ridge Trail grant application.

Sincerely,



Eleanor Guerin
Secretary, Sonoma County Trails Council

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December 7, 2004

Ms. Nadine Hitchcock
Bay Program Manager
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 11th Floor
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Subject: Hood Mountain Regional Park Expansion Project:

Dear Ms Hitchcock:

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Sincerely,

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