

Exhibit 5: Letters of Support

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*Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515*

*Anna G. Eshoo
Fremont District
California*

February 18, 2005

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

Dear Doug,

I'm writing to urge the Coastal Conservancy to support the acquisition of the Sand Hill Bluff Property on the North Coast of Santa Cruz County.

Sand Hill Bluff is a vitally important property cradled between the Coast Dairies Property and Wilder Ranch State Park. It's key to the region's agricultural heritage and its rich soil produces brussel sprouts, artichokes and other crops. It's also essential to this region's devotion to open space and environmental preservation. It will be a treasure that can be enjoyed for generations to come.

The entire Sand Hill Bluff property consists of 154 acres of the most pristine land within the boundaries of my Congressional District. Under the proposal, 90 acres of the land will be owned and managed by the California Department of Parks and Recreation, and the remaining 64 acres will be managed by the non-profit organization Agri-Culture, which will support sustained agricultural production under private ownership. I applaud this innovative public-private partnership and I'm proud to support agriculture and open space on the North Coast of Santa Cruz County by supporting the proposed acquisition.

Thank you for your consideration of my request and I look forward to hearing what the Conservancy decides.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anna G. Eshoo', written over a horizontal line.

Anna G. Eshoo
Member of Congress

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S. JOSEPH SIMITIAN
ELEVENTH SENATE DISTRICT



February 7, 2005

Douglas Bosco, Chairman
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 11th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

RE: Sand Hill Bluff

Dear Chairman Bosco,

I am writing to express my support for Agri-Culture's efforts to protect the agricultural values of the Sand Hill Bluff property in Santa Cruz County.

Sand Hill Bluff is located near the town of Davenport, cradled between the spectacular Coast Dairies property and Wilder Ranch State Park. This beautiful land is an important piece of the agricultural and open space heritage of coastal Santa Cruz County. The property's rich agricultural soil produces Brussels sprouts, artichokes, and other crops.

The conservation strategy for Sand Hill Bluff includes acquisition of the entire 154-acre property. Sixty-four acres will be actively farmed under private ownership and are the focus of Agri-Culture's request for support from the Coastal Conservancy. Ninety acres of the property will be acquired by the California Department of Parks and Recreation and managed for public access and recreation and for protection of its outstanding natural and cultural resources, including a 5,000-year-old shell midden.

This innovative public private arrangement advances Santa Cruz County's efforts to protect agriculture in the County for future generations. It will also help protect the scenic views and natural resources of adjacent and nearby public lands. For these reasons I endorse Agri-Culture's efforts, and I urge you to support the Sand Hill Bluff project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "S. Joseph Simitian".

S. Joseph Simitian
Senator, 11th District

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February 15, 2005

Douglas Bosco, Chair
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 11th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

RE: Sand Hill Bluff

Dear Chair Bosco,

I am writing to encourage you to join me in supporting the acquisition of the Sand Hill Bluff property in Santa Cruz County.

Sand Hill Bluff, located near the town of Davenport, lies between the spectacular Coast Dairies property and Wilder Ranch State Park. This beautiful land is an important piece of the open space and agricultural heritage on the north coast of Santa Cruz County. The property encompasses a portion of a spectacular peninsula that includes stunning cliffs, sea caves, creek and wetland areas, shorebird habitat, and 1,500 feet of pristine beach. The property's rich agricultural soil has produced Brussels sprouts, artichokes, and other crops for decades, as it does today.

In April 2003, I supported Congressman Anna Eshoo's successful effort to obtain federal funding for this special property. The Coastal Conservancy's support for this property will help complete the funding to protect the land.

The entire Sand Hill Bluff property is 154 acres. The local non-profit organization Agriculture is seeking Coastal Conservancy support to protect 64 acres for sustained agricultural production and natural resource protection. Ninety acres of the site will be owned and managed by the California Department of Parks and Recreation for public access and recreation, natural and cultural resource protection, and some agricultural production. This innovative public private partnership advances Santa Cruz County's efforts to protect open space and agriculture in the County for future generations.

Please join me in support of the protection of this remarkable property.

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Sincerely,



JOHN LAIRD
Assemblymember, 27th District

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February 16, 2005

Chairman Douglas Bosco
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 11th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

RE: SAND HILL BLUFF

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I urge you to join me in supporting the acquisition of the Sand Hill Bluff property in Santa Cruz County.

Sand Hill Bluff, located near the town of Davenport, lies between the spectacular Coast Dairies property and Wilder Ranch State Park. This beautiful land is an important piece of the open space and agricultural heritage on the north coast of Santa Cruz County. The property encompasses a portion of a spectacular peninsula that includes stunning cliffs, sea caves, creek and wetlands areas, shorebird habitat, and 1,500 feet of pristine beach. The property's rich agricultural soil has produced Brussels sprouts, artichokes, and other crops for decades.

In April, 2003, I supported Congresswoman Anna Eshoo's successful effort to contribute federal funding for this special property. The Coastal Conservancy's support for this property will help complete the funding to protect the land.

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Sincerely,



MARDI WORMHOUDT, Supervisor
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