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Mr. Douglas Bosco
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 11th Floor
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Re: **North Slope Sonoma Mountain Ridge Trail Plan.**

Dear Mr. Bosco:

I am writing to express my support for the application submitted by the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District to fund the North Slope Sonoma Mountain Ridge Trail Plan. This proposed trail will connect the Jack London State Historic Park to Jacobs Ranch.

It is my understanding that with this funding, the district will be able to fund the trail-planning project on Sonoma Mountain. The project will link approximately 450 acres of the district's protected land on Sonoma Mountain to Jack London State Park. This trail will allow people the opportunity to hike from Jack London State Park across the western slopes of Sonoma Mountain.

This project will greatly benefit the 6th Congressional District and I urge you to give this application your full and careful consideration. If you have any questions or comments, please contact my grants coordinator, Deborah Quam, in my Santa Rosa office at 707/542-7182.

Sincerely,



Lynn Woolsey
Member of Congress

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April 13, 2005

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

Dear Mr. Bosco:

Developing a Bay Area Ridge Trail System throughout the Bay Area has been one of my highest priorities. These efforts improve the critical element of access to the State's resource protection programs. I strongly support the efforts of the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council and the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District (District) in applying for a trail planning grant from the California Coastal Conservancy.

The District has protected close to 500 acres of ridge top land on Sonoma Mountain that links to Jack London State Historic Park. The proposed trail will connect from Jack London State Historic Park approximately five miles to Jacobs Ranch, which the District holds in fee title.

Sonoma Mountain is a defining geographic feature of Sonoma County, and serves as a backdrop for Bennett Valley and Sonoma Valley on the North and East side and the Highway 101 scenic corridor and Petaluma Valley on the West and South. Most of Sonoma County's population lives within 15 miles of Sonoma Mountain.

The project brings together local and state agencies with non-governmental organizations. These partners will leverage their resources and expertise to ensure the trail is accessible and enjoyable.

As always, I greatly appreciate the Conservancy's participation in these critical projects. Thank you for considering my strong support as you deliberate funding for this Bay Area Ridge Trail development. Please let me know if I can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Wesley Chesbro".

WESLEY CHESBRO
State Senator, Second District

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April 13, 2005

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

Re: North Slope Sonoma Mountain Ridge Trail Plan

Dear Mr. Bosco: *Doug*

In cooperation with the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council, the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District is applying for a trail planning grant from the California Coastal Conservancy.

The District has protected close to 500 acres of ridge top land on Sonoma Mountain that links to Jack London State Historic Park. The proposed trail will connect from Jack London State Historic Park approximately five miles to Jacobs Ranch, which the District holds in fee title.

Sonoma Mountain is a defining geographic feature of Sonoma County, and serves as a backdrop for Bennett Valley and Sonoma Valley on the north and east side and the Highway 101 scenic corridor and Petaluma Valley on the west and south. Most of Sonoma County's population lives within 15 miles of Sonoma Mountain.

The project brings together local and state agencies with non-governmental organizations. These partners will leverage their resources and expertise to ensure the trail is accessible and enjoyable.

I strongly support the preservation efforts of the Open Space District on Sonoma Mountain. This trail corridor linking Jack London State Historic Park to Jacobs Ranch will provide the citizens and visitors of Sonoma County with an exceptional recreational opportunity.

The District has completed important work by protecting key parcels on Sonoma Mountain and hopes to provide public access from Jack London State Historic Park to Jacobs Ranch.

I fully support the Open Space District's proposal to develop and implement a mountain ridge trail plan, and I urge the California Coastal Conservancy to fund the Open Space District's request for funding. Thank you for your attention and serious consideration. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Joe
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Assemblyman, Marin and Sonoma Counties

cc: Andrea Mackenzie, General Manager, Sonoma County Agricultural Reservation and Open Space District

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*Many thanks in
advance, Doug. I
hope you're well.*

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION
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Ruth Coleman, Director

April 19, 2005

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

Dear Mr. Bosco,

California State Parks has been a partner with the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District on several past projects. Diablo Vista District of California State Parks now supports their application for a grant from the Coastal Conservancy for the North Slope Sonoma Mountain Ridge Trail Plan.

Sonoma Mountain is a defining geographic feature of Sonoma County, with Bennett Valley and Annadel State Park to the north, and Sonoma Valley's Jack London State Historic Park and Sonoma State Historic Park to the south.

Jack London SHP's 1400 acres has been linked geographically to Jacobs Ranch. This has been done through the acquisition efforts of Sonoma Co. Ag & Open Space on the north slope of Sonoma Mountain. Now a sustainable trail needs to be precisely laid out on those properties. Planning is needed. Such a trail would provide the citizens and visitors of Sonoma County with an exceptional recreational opportunity.

Public access to these lands is supported by local and state agencies as well as non-governmental organizations. Sonoma County Ag & Open Space has completed important work in protecting key parcels on Sonoma Mountain. Please give serious consideration to this grant proposal so that access may come to fruition, and all of us can reap the harvest of increased recreational opportunities.

Sincerely,

John Crossman
Silverado Sector Superintendent
Diablo Vista District

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April 19, 2005

Douglas Bosco, Chairman
California Coastal Conservancy
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RE: North Sonoma Mountain Bay Area Ridge Trail

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I am in support of Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation & Open Space District's grant application for a Bay Area Ridge Trail Coastal Conservancy Grant to develop approximately five miles of Bay Area Ridge Trail between Jack London State Park and Sonoma County's Crane Creek Regional Park.

This trail is identified in Sonoma County's Draft Outdoor Recreation Plan. Along with access to State and County parklands, future links will connect Sonoma Valley with Rohnert Park. This proposed Ridge Trail segment connects two popular parks and would provide opportunities to access historical areas of interest, woodlands, meadowlands, and great views. This grant is needed because Sonoma County has significant gaps in the Ridge Trail and few developed long segments.

Thank you for your consideration and I urge the Coastal Conservancy to favorably consider the Sonoma County Open Space District Ridge Trail grant application.

Sincerely,

Mary E. Burns
Director

cc: Andrea Mackenzie, SCAPOSD
Holly Van Houten, Bay Area Ridge Trail
Maxine Spellman, Coastal Conservancy

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Resolution: 05-04-02

RESOLUTION OF THE SONOMA COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY
COMMISSION IN SUPPORT OF THE AGRICULTURAL PRESERVATION AND OPEN
SPACE DISTRICT APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FOR
THE COASTAL CONSERVANCY BAY AREA RIDGE TRAIL PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Bay Area Ridge Trail is a project identified in the Draft Outdoor Recreation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Sonoma County Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission finds that Sonoma County has significant gaps in the Bay Area Ridge Trail; and

WHEREAS, the Sonoma County Parks and Recreation Commission finds that the trail link between Crane Creek Regional Park and Jack London State Park will significantly increase opportunities for outdoor recreation; and

WHEREAS, the Sonoma County Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission strongly supports the development of the proposed North Sonoma Mountain Trail project to meet current deficiencies; and

WHEREAS, the California Coastal Conservancy manages a Public Access Program that has supported Bay Area Ridge Trail projects.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Sonoma County Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission hereby supports the filing of an Application by the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation & Open Space District for funds from the Coastal Conservancy Bay Area Ridge Trail Program.

Approved by Commissioners

Collins: absent Mills: aye Forest-Knowles: aye Wick: aye Wheeler: aye

Attested: Beane-Bf
Secretary

SO ORDERED

W. Wheeler
Chairperson



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April 15, 2005

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Douglas Bosco, Chairman
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Re: North Slope Sonoma Mountain Ridge Trail Plan

Dear Mr. Bosco:

As a conservation partner of the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council and the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District, the Sonoma Land Trust strongly supports the proposed Coastal Conservancy grant for trail planning purposes on Sonoma Mountain.

With the previous support of the Coastal Conservancy, through several transactions and as many years, BARTC and the District have protected close to 500 acres of ridge-top land on Sonoma Mountain. These properties link Jack London State Historic Park and the District-owned Jacobs Ranch. These protection efforts not only create an exceptional recreational opportunity, but have preserved significant and unique wildlife habitat and the spectacular scenic resources of Sonoma Mountain, the defining geographic feature of Sonoma County and the backdrop to the residents of and visitors to this region.

Please give serious consideration to this grant proposal and support the ongoing collaborative efforts of the many government agencies, private organizations and individuals who are working to provide public access to Sonoma Mountain.

Thank you for consideration and your continuing support of all of our collective conservation efforts here in Sonoma County.

Sincerely,

Ralph Benson
Executive Director

c: Andrea Mackenzie, SCAPOSD
Holly Van Houten, BARTC
Abe Dougherty, SCC

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Douglas Bosco, Chairman
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 11th floor
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April 15, 2005

Re: North Slope Sonoma Mountain Ridge Trail Plan

Dear Mr. Bosco:

In cooperation with the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council (Ridge Trail Council), the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District (District) is applying for a trail planning grant from the California Coastal Conservancy (CCC). We urge the California Coastal Conservancy Board of Directors to approve this important grant to the District.

The District has protected close to 500 acres of ridge top land on Sonoma Mountain that links to Jack London State Historic Park. The proposed trail will connect from Jack London State Historic Park approximately five miles to Jacobs Ranch, which the District holds in fee title. This trail corridor linking Jack London State Historic Park to Jacobs Ranch will provide the citizens and visitors of Sonoma County with opportunities to enjoy redwood groves, oak woodlands, native grass and prairie lands, chaparral, and sections of Matanzas Creek.

Sonoma Mountain is a major defining geographic feature of Sonoma County, and serves as a backdrop for Bennett Valley and Sonoma Valley on the north and east side and the Highway 101 scenic corridor and Petaluma Valley on the west and south. Most of Sonoma County's population lives within 15 miles of Sonoma Mountain.

The project brings together local and state agencies with non-governmental organizations, including the CCC. These partners will leverage their resources and expertise to ensure the trail is accessible and enjoyable. The Ridge Trail Council has the support of all of the cities in Sonoma County that are served by the Ridge Trail.

The Ridge Trail Council strongly supports the District in this effort to provide recreational trails on Sonoma Mountain. Please give serious consideration to this planning grant proposal and join the ongoing efforts of several government agencies and private organizations in supporting public access efforts on Sonoma Mountain.

Thank you for considering our interests as you deliberate proposed funding for the District's project.

Best regards,

Holly Van Houten,
Executive Director

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April 14, 2005

Douglas Bosco, Chairman
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SONOMA COUNTY
AGRICULTURAL
PRESERVATION
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DISTRICT

Re: North Slope Sonoma Mountain Ridge Trail Plan

Dear Mr. Bosco:

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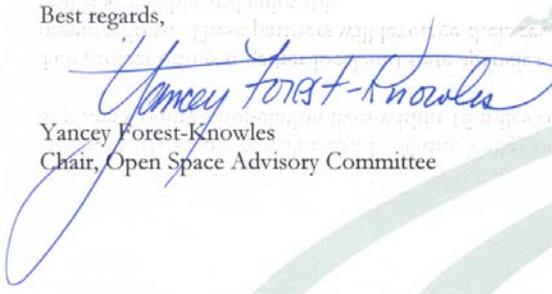
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The Open Space Advisory Committee strongly supports the preservation efforts of the District on Sonoma Mountain. This trail corridor linking Jack London State Historic Park to Jacobs Ranch will provide the citizens and visitors of Sonoma County with an exceptional recreational opportunity.

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Thank you for considering our interests as you deliberate proposed funding for the District's project.

Best regards,


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Chair, Open Space Advisory Committee

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