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June 2, 2005

Mr. Doug Bosco  
Chair, California Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Bosco:

I am writing in support of the City of National City's Paradise Creek Educational Park project funding request. National City has applied for a \$500,000 grant that will be reviewed by the Coastal Conservancy Board this month.

I have actively supported the acquisition of funding for this project for many years. The Coastal Conservancy's grant will help National City to complete the project in a timely manner.

The Paradise Creek Educational Park is an exceptional project that will benefit the National City community. When fully realized, the Paradise Creek Educational Park will provide an outdoor learning lab and connect the boardwalk and creek side trail. The project will also enhance a portion of the Paradise Creek coastal watershed.

As you may be aware, Paradise Creek is surrounded by an industrial park, in the heart of National City. It serves as an outdoor recreational oasis to the community members living in the City and the surrounding communities.

As an advocate of increasing educational resources and meeting our communities' needs throughout California, I want to reiterate my support for the Paradise Creek Educational project. Thank you for your time and consideration. Please feel free to contact me if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

DENISE MORENO DUCHENY  
State Senator, 40<sup>th</sup> District

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June 2, 2005

Doug Bosco, Chair  
California Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Chairman Bosco:

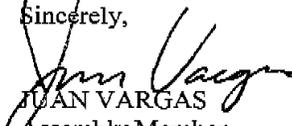
Please accept this letter in support of the City of National City's grant application for funding from the California Coastal Conservancy. This grant would allow the City to complete the Paradise Creek Educational Park project and would enable the City to enhance a portion of Paradise Creek, a coastal watershed at the project site, as recommended in the Paradise Creek Enhancement Plan.

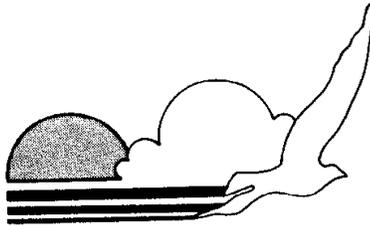
The Paradise Creek project will serve students, residents and visitors in heavily urbanized National City, a diverse community of 54,260 persons located south and east of San Diego, north of Chula Vista and west of San Diego Bay. It will enhance existing nature study and creek stewardship activities by constructing an outdoor learning lab featuring a partially covered amphitheater, a raised connecting boardwalk, and a decomposed granite creek-side trail. In addition, the project will involve the restoration of approximately 0.07 acres of southern coastal salt marsh habitat along the creek, a small remnant of the historic inland extent of Paradise Marsh; creation of another 0.06 acres of wetland; and planting of native vegetation.

Groundbreaking has been delayed for four years by the discovery of contaminated soil at the project site. Now, after completing tiered soil investigations, consultations with the San Diego County Department of Environmental Health and other regulatory and resource agencies, and developing a soil removal and disposal plan, the City is ready to move forward with the project this coming summer.

Again, I respectfully request your favorable consideration of the City of National City's grant application. Please feel free to contact me at (619) 409-7979 with any questions.

Sincerely,

  
JUAN VARGAS  
Assembly Member  
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## KIMBALL SCHOOL

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CINDY WATERS, PRINCIPAL

May 17, 2005

Mr. Doug Bosco  
Chair, California Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612

To Whom This May Concern:

I am pleased to confirm Kimball Elementary School's support and participation in the Paradise Creek education project. This collaborative project represents a great opportunity to support community grassroots efforts of schoolyard science studies and research, creek restoration, nature-oriented events, and environmental stewardship for all students at Kimball School as well as members from the surrounding community.

We believe that efforts through this project help students truly understanding how learning relates to the real world. As a result of this project, students can apply science concepts and knowledge in a hands-on, educational, real life environment. We strongly support this collaborative project and look forward to working with the Paradise Creek Educational Park in this endeavor.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dr. Cindy Waters', written over a horizontal line.

Dr. Cindy Waters  
Principal

NATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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May 13, 2005

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

Mr. Bosco and Esteemed Board Members,

We are very pleased to hear that you are considering a request from the City of National City for additional funding for Paradise Creek Educational Park. Our community-based organization has worked with partners like National City and the National School District for over ten years to restore Paradise Creek and construct an interpretive center to educate the students and general public about the values of wetlands and the importance of conservation and stewardship. It has been a long road to reach this very important juncture where today we see the project ready to go out to bid for construction. Our support extends from the advocacy we do on behalf of this natural resource into the classrooms and board rooms in the region. The community is anxious to see this important project commence. We ask that you support the grant for additional funds to build the Paradise Creek Educational Park project.

Thank you very much,

  
Ted Godshalk  
Director, PCEPI

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