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February 6, 2006

Douglas Bosco, Chair
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, Suite 1100
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RE: San Francisco Bay Area Upland Habitat Goals

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I understand the Conservancy will be considering a \$150,000 grant to the Bay Area Open Space Council for implementation of the San Francisco Bay Area Upland Habitat Goals at its March meeting. The results of the Upland Habitat Goals will assist the Council in determining critical habitats that should be targeted in their efforts to protect another 1 million acres in the Bay Area.

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I encourage you to approve this grant. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Tom Torlakson

CC: Nancy Schaefer, Bay Area Open Space Council

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February 6, 2006

Douglas Bosco, Chair
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, Suite 1100
Oakland, CA 94612

RE: San Francisco Bay Area Upland Habitat Goals

Dear Chairman Bosco: *Doug,*

The purpose of this letter is to convey my support for a \$150,000 grant request that has been submitted to you by the Bay Area Open Space Council. This grant is for the implementation of the San Francisco Bay Area Upland Habitat Goals. The results of the Upland Habitat Goals will assist the Council in determining critical habitats that should be targeted in their efforts to protect another 1 million acres in the Bay Area.

The San Francisco Bay Area Upland Habitat Goals Project is a science-based process that will use existing and new data supplemented by expert opinion to recommend the types, amounts and distribution of upland habitats, linkages, compatible uses and the ecological processes needed to sustain diverse and healthy communities of plant, fish and wildlife resources in the nine counties that comprise the Bay Area. The Upland Habitat Goals recommendations will serve as a guide for the many agencies and organizations charged with protecting open space, as well as for those who have to determine how to allocate scarce funds among numerous important projects. The Upland Habitat Goals will build on the work of the San Francisco Baylands Ecosystem Goals that have been and continue to be successfully implemented since its completion in 1999.

I fully support the Bay Area Open Space Council's proposal to develop and implement the San Francisco Bay Area Upland Habitat Goals, and I urge the California Coastal Conservancy to fund the Bay Area Open Space Council'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
JOE NATION
Assemblyman, Marin and Sonoma Counties

*Hope you are well.
Many thanks.*

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cc: Nancy Schaefer, Upland Goals Project Manager, Bay Area Open Space Council

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February 2, 2006

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California Coastal Conservancy
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I encourage you to approve this grant. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Loni Hancock
Assemblywoman, District 14

c. Nancy Schaefer
Bay Area Open Space Council

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February 2, 2006

Douglas Bosco, Chair
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, Suite 1100
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RE: San Francisco Bay Area Upland Habitat Goals

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I understand the Conservancy will be considering a \$150,000 grant to the Bay Area Open Space Council for implementation of the San Francisco Bay Area Upland Habitat Goals (UHG) at its March meeting. The results of the UHG will assist the Council in determining critical habitats that should be targeted in their efforts to protect another one million acres in the Bay Area.

The UHG will produce a conservation plan describing habitats that need protection if regional biodiversity is to be preserved. A voluntary plan that is the result of a scientific process and consensus among a diverse array of scientists and resource managers is sorely needed in the Bay Area. Limited financial resources require us to make well-informed and strategic decisions when selecting lands to protect. The UHG recommendations will serve as a guide for the many agencies and organizations charged with protecting open space as well as for those who have to determine how to allocate scarce funds among numerous important projects.

The UHG will build on the work of the San Francisco Baylands Ecosystem Goals that have been and continue to be successfully implemented since its completion in 1999.

I encourage you to approve this grant. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


Joe Canciamilla

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January 6, 2006

Douglas Bosco, Chair
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, Suite 1100
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RE: San Francisco Bay Area Upland Habitat Goals

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I encourage you to approve this grant. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

WILMA CHAN
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Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chair
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, Suite 1100
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Chairman Bosco:

Please accept my support of the California Coastal Conservancy's \$150,000 grant application to the Bay Area Open Space Council for implementation of the San Francisco Bay Area Upland Habitat Goals at its March meeting. The results of the Upland Habitat Goals will assist the Council in determining critical habitats that should be targeted in their efforts to protect another 1 million acres in the Bay Area.

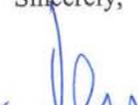
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I strongly support this application and favorably recommend the implementation of the San Francisco Bay Area Upland Habitat Goals for the Bay Area Open Space Council.

Please feel free to contact me if I can be of any service to you in the future.

Sincerely,


JOHAN KLEHS
Assemblymember

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Douglas Bosco, Chair
California Coastal Conservancy
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January 30, 2006

RE: San Francisco Bay Area Upland Habitat Goals

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I understand the Conservancy will be considering a \$150,000 grant to the Bay Area Open Space Council for implementation of the San Francisco Bay Area Upland Habitat Goals at its March meeting. The Upland Habitat Goals project is critical to strategic investments in conservation over the next 10-20 year.

The Upland Habitat Goals will develop a collaborative conservation plan identifying habitats in need of protection to maintain regional biodiversity. A voluntary plan that is the result of a scientific process and consensus among a diverse array of scientists and resource managers is sorely needed in the Bay Area. A shrinking pot of resources for conservation investment makes a science-based plan essential to achieve ambitious goals.

The Upland Habitat Goals recommendations will serve as a guide for the many agencies and organizations charged with protecting open space as well as for those who have to determine how to allocate scarce funds among numerous important projects.

I encourage you to approve this grant. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Dick Cameron
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7 February 2006

Douglas Bosco, Chair
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, Suite 1100
Oakland, CA 94612

RE: San Francisco Bay Area Upland Habitat Goals

Dear Chairman Bosco,

I have become aware that the Coastal Conservancy will be reviewing a \$150,000 grant at its March meeting for the Bay Area Open Space Council (BAOSC) to implement its Upland Habitat Goals project in the San Francisco Bay Area. The Upland Habitat Goals will assist the BAOSC in identifying and targeting critical habitats in their efforts to protect over one million acres in the Bay Area.

Funding for the Upland Habitat Goals will enable them to produce a conservation plan that describes critical habitats, which are in need of definition and protection to preserve regional biodiversity. This voluntary plan, resulting from a scientific process and consensus among an array of scientists and resource managers, is urgently needed in the Bay Area. The Upland Habitat Goals recommendations will serve provide necessary information to many agencies and organizations on what lands to protect and on how to allocate scarce funds among numerous important projects. The Upland Habitat Goals is building upon the work of the San Francisco Baylands Ecosystem Goals Report from 1999, in which their goals have been and continue to be implemented.

Since the California Native Plant Society's mission is to conserve and protect California's native plants their natural habitats (through science, education, advocacy, horticulture, and land stewardship), our organization's work is very much in accordance with the Upland Habitat Goals. I encourage you to consider and approve this grant on its strong merits and plans.

Sincerely,



Amanda Jorgenson
Executive Director

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Cc: Nancy Schaefer, Bay Area Open Space Council Conservation Specialist
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February 3, 2006

Douglas Bosco, Chair
California Coastal Conservancy
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RE: San Francisco Bay Area Upland Habitat Goals

Dear Chairman Bosco:

At its March Board meeting the Coastal Conservancy will consider a \$150,000 grant to the Bay Area Open Space Council for implementation of the San Francisco Bay Area Upland Habitat Goals.

As a member of the steering committee, as well as a project funder in Sonoma County, I understand how important is it to have a plan with the most current scientific information to target the highest priority lands. This is the best way to ensure that our public funds are leveraged and being used for the most critical projects. The Upland Habitat Goals will result in the focus of efforts to protect threatened lands in the Bay Area.

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I support and strongly encourage you to approve this grant. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Andrea Mackenzie
General Manager

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February 1, 2006

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RE: San Francisco Bay Area Upland Habitat Goals

Dear Chairman Bosco:

Sonoma Land Trust urges you to support the Bay Area Open Space Council's \$150,000 grant request for implementation of the San Francisco Bay Area Upland Habitat Goals at its March meeting. The results of the Upland Habitat Goals will assist the Council in determining critical habitats that should be targeted in their efforts to protect another 1 million acres in the Bay Area.

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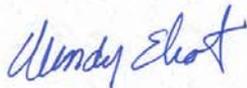
Sonoma Land Trust is keenly aware of the benefits that a regional conservation plan will bring to our work. Our land acquisition and habitat restoration work in the Sonoma Baylands area has been guided for over two 2 decades by the Bay

... to protect the land forever

Habitat Goals Report; this consensus planning document has also been instrumental in our efforts to attract private funds to augment funds received from public agencies.

I encourage you to approve this grant. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Wendy Eliot
Conservation Director

Cc: Nancy Schaefer, Bay Area Open Space Council

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