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May 24, 2006

Douglas Bosco, Chairman
California Coastal Conservancy
Attn: Susan Corbaley
1330 Broadway, 11th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Subject: "Hole in the Hammond" component of the Mad River Parkway Project of Redwood Community Action Agency

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I am writing to convey my strongest support for the "Hole in the Hammond" element of the Hammond Coastal Trail project (Project) being proposed by Redwood Community Action Agency for funding consideration by the Coastal Conservancy.

The Project will enable completion of a long needed link- "Hole in the Hammond"- between two components of coastal trail that the Conservancy has supported in the past. In tandem with California River Parkways Grant Program funds, the Project will significantly enhance public access to a beautiful section of our State's coast line.

Redwood Community Action Agency (RCAA) has demonstrated its ability to do high quality planning, design and construction on coastal trail systems. It has a long track record of success with many coastal trail projects. The Hammond Trail, of which the Project is a component, is an excellent example of RCAA's exemplary work in coastal trail development.

I am pleased to have this opportunity to endorse this Project and urge the Coastal Conservancy to provide funding to enable its completion.

Please contact my Eureka District Office (707-445-6508) if my office can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,


WESLEY CHESBRO
State Senator, Second District

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May 25, 2006

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

Dear Mr. Bosco: *Douglas*

I am writing in support of Redwood Community Action Agency's (RCAA) request for grant funding to support the Hammond Coastal Trail project.

The Hammond Coastal Trail project is part of a collaborative vision to add a missing piece to California Coastal Trail, resulting in more than 5 miles of uninterrupted multiple-use trail. The project component at Widow White Creek, known as the "Hole in the Hammond" includes construction and signage for a multi-use Bicycle and Equestrian Bypass Trail, a creek-adjacent Pedestrian Interpretive Trail, and related upgrades to neighboring roadways.

The Hammond Coastal Trail is a very popular destination for North Coast residents and tourists. The community has been working toward the goal of completing this section of the California Coastal Trail for many years, an effort supported by multiple agencies, local non-profit groups and dedicated individuals. This project will help protect riparian habitat, enhance tourism, recreational and commuting opportunities and provide safe public access to our beautiful coastline. I fully support RCAA in their efforts to mend the "Hole in the Hammond".

I urge your favorable consideration of Redwood Community Action Agency's request for grant funding. If I can provide any further information, please do not hesitate to contact my Eureka District Office at (707) 445-7014.

Respectfully,

PATTY BERG
Assemblymember, 1st District

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May 24, 2006

Douglas Bosco
Chairman of the Board
State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 11th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Re: Hammond Coastal Trail Funding

Dear Mr. Bosco:

I am urging you to fund a component of the Hammond Coastal Trail (HCT) project along Widow White Creek, known as the "Hole in the Hammond".

The "Hole in the Hammond" project component will include construction and signage for a multi-use Bicycle and Equestrian Bypass Trail, a creek adjacent Pedestrian Interpretive Trail, and related upgrades to both Murray Road and Letz Avenue. I understand matching funds are offered by the California River Parkways Grant Program.

The Hammond Coastal Trail is an extremely valuable asset to northern Humboldt County for many reasons, including recreation, ecological preservation, and tourism. Funding the Widow White Creek project is crucial to completing the Trail. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


Jill Geist
5th District Supervisor

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HUMBOLDT COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

Members: County of Humboldt • Cities of Arcata, Blue Lake, Eureka, Ferndale, Fortuna, Rio Dell, Trinidad

May 31, 2006

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

Dear Mr. Bosco,

The Humboldt County Association of Governments (HCAOG), as the designated Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA), would like to take this opportunity to express support for completion of the Hammond Coastal Trail in Humboldt County. The trail has long been identified in regional planning products, and by the general public, as a significant contribution to our region's trail system.

The completion of the "Hole in the Hammond" will greatly enhance the recreational experience of visitors, tourists, and local citizens. Connection of these two segments between Murray Road and Letz Avenue with a paved multi-use trail will complete over 5.5 miles of trail providing access between the Mad River and Clam Beach County Park. The ultimate goal is to have a continuous trail system linking coastal communities between the cities of Trinidad and Fortuna.

The Natural Resources Services Division of Redwood Community Action Agency (RCAA) has convincingly demonstrated their ability to plan for and deliver projects of this nature through previous Coastal Conservancy projects.

We appreciate having the opportunity to lend our support to the RCAA for this important next step to complete the Hammond Trail and improve multi-use trails in our region. If we can be of additional assistance in the development or completion of this project, please contact our office at 444-8208.

Sincerely,



Spencer Clifton
Executive Director

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MCKINLEYVILLE
COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

P.O. BOX 2037 • MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519 • (707) 839-3251

May 31, 2006

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

Re: Hammond Trail in McKinleyville, CA: Humboldt County

The McKinleyville Community Services District provides park and recreation services to this area. The District maintains a number of trails and participates with Humboldt County in the upkeep of the Hammond Trail that traverses our property. We are fully in support of the County's efforts to close the gap in the Hammond Trail at the Widow White Creek area. We have granted the County the use of our sewer main easement for the bicycle and equestrian portion of this proposed trail alignment as it parallels Highway 101. We maintain an access for a sewer pump station at the south end of Letz Lane that will serve as a conduit to help close the gap in the Hammond Trail.

We strongly encourage your Agency to help us to complete this coastal trail. The trail has hundreds of users daily for biking, walking, and equestrian use. The RCAA and Humboldt County has been working for about a decade to get this portion complete. Due to their diligent efforts it now appears feasible to get this section complete with assistance from your Agency. We urge you to consider funding this project that will provide a truly unique trail along a coastal bluff that extends from the Little River/Clam Beach area to Humboldt Bay. This is a stunning beautiful area that I walk and bike daily. We appreciate your interest and sincerely hope you consider funding this section of the trail. The public benefit is far beyond the small section of the trail that is remaining.

Thank you for your consideration of this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tom Marking". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Tom Marking
General Manager

cc: Board of Directors

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Our goal: To improve and encourage bicycle commuting
P.O. Box 9054, Eureka, CA 95502-9054

May 19, 2006

Mr. Douglas Bosco
State Coastal Connservancy
1330 Broadway, 11th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Attention: Su Corbaley, Fax: 510-286-3840

Re: Hammond Coastal Trail Project

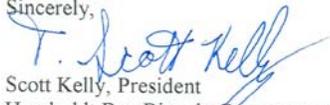
Dear Mr. Bosco:

On behalf of the Humboldt Bay Bicycle Commuters Association, I would like to express our support for funding the "Hole in the Hammond" project. The Humboldt Bay Bicycle Commuters Association is a community organization of bicycle commuters whose goal is to improve and encourage bicycle commuting. The association began in 1982 to encourage the installation of bike racks on transit buses, and we have grown in membership and function since then. We developed the first bicycle facility plans for most of the cities in Humboldt County. We continue to work with elected officials and public works staff to direct limited transportation funds to priority projects. For about the last 10 years we have also provided bicycle safety training to 8-14 year old kids through our "Bike Smart" program. In addition, we organize and promote annual Bike-to-Work Day activities in the Cities of Eureka and Arcata.

Our organization has been a longtime supporter of the Hammond Trail. The trail has become a key asset to the community at large, and to bicycle commuters in particular. Many people move near the trail to be able to conveniently commute to Arcata from McKinleyville. Completion of the "Hole in the Hammond" will expand the number of potential users for both commuting and recreation. This project is consistently brought forward by our members as a high priority.

Thank you for considering funding this important project.

Sincerely,


Scott Kelly, President
Humboldt Bay Bicycle Commuters Association

Cc: HBBCA Board of Directors

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA — THE RESOURCES AGENCY

ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER, Governor

CALIFORNIA CONSERVATION CORPS

Northern Service District – Fortuna Operations

1500 Alamar Way, Fortuna, CA 95540
(707) 725-5105 Fax (707) 725-1748



May 23, 2006

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

RE: Hammond Coastal Trail (HCT) project

I am writing this letter of support for the Hammond Coastal Trail (Hole in the Hammond) (HCT) project. The completion of this part of the Hammond Coastal Trail is an integral part of a long term vision by our local leaders for the past two decades. The California Conservation Corps – Northern Service District supports the funding of this project and looks forward to the possibility of working with the Redwood Community Action Agency on this missing link of the Coastal Trail.

For over twenty-seven years the California Conservation Corps (CCC), Fortuna Campus has been involved in bringing about many improvements to recreational trails, interpretative displays and coastal access points throughout the North Coast. The Hammond Coastal Trail (HCT) project is an excellent opportunity to utilize California Conservation Corps expertise in trail construction and will also provide our young corps members transferable job skills in trail construction, native plants identification and the biodiversity of the coastal ecosystem. We appreciate your support for projects that involve the California Conservation Corps and look forward to the possibility of working with the Redwood Community Action Agency on this project. If you have questions regarding CCC involvement in this project, please contact me at (707) 725-5106 or at e-mail address: melk@ccc.ca.gov. Thank you for your attention to this excellent proposal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Melvin H. Krebs".

Melvin H. Krebs
District Director

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Douglas Bosco
State Coastal Conservancy
1830 Broadway, 11th Floor
Oakland, Ca. 94612

Dear Douglas,

We so hope you will fund the project component at Window White Creek, known as the "Hole in the Hummond". We need construction and signage for a multi-use Bicycle and Equestrian Bypass Trail to relate upgrades to both Munay Road and Lety Avenue.

Thank you so much for reading of our needs to make a long trail real!

Sincerely,

Eleanor & Todd Tompson
1806 Ocean Drive
McKinleyville, Calif. 95519

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1090 Murray Rd, #111
McKinleyville, Ca 95519

Donald Bosco
State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 11th Floor
Oakland, Ca 94612

Dear Mr. Bosco,

I am a resident of McKinleyville and a member of the Friends of the Hammond Trail. I urge your support of the Hammond Coastal Trail project to close the "Hole in the Hammond" to be funded by the State Coastal Conservancy. Once the "Hole" is closed, it will be possible to walk or bike from the Mad River to Clam Beach and Little River, thus providing an incentive for local residents and visitors to enjoy the beauty and serenity of this area.

Thank you for your help in making this project happen for our community.

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Sincerely,

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Mary Dunn