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Doug Bosco, Chair
California Coastal Conservancy
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Dear Chairman Bosco:

I am writing to let you know of my support for the proposed **Humboldt Bay Coastal Education Center and Reserve** project, as submitted by Friends of the Dunes of the Humboldt Bay region.

As proposed, Humboldt Bay Coastal Education Center and Reserve would result in the acquisition of approximately 39 acres of coastal property in the community of Manila in Humboldt County. It will preserve the property for public enjoyment and serve as a gateway for education, interpretation and public outreach in the Humboldt Bay region. Management of the project area would provide public access on designated trails in concert with conservation of habitat for two Federally listed plant species and restoration of dune and wetland plant communities.

From a landscape perspective, the project area is situated to the south of the Ma-le'l Dunes Cooperative Management Area owned and managed by the Bureau of Land Management and to the north of the Manila Community Services District. This strategic location provides opportunities for joint education and restoration ventures across lands managed for public enjoyment. Furthermore, the acquisition and land-use proposed is consistent with the current Humboldt County General Plan zoning, the Humboldt Bay Area Plan: Local Coastal Plan, and the Humboldt County Beach and Dunes Management Plan.

Friends of the Dunes is a highly regarded and long-standing organization in the community which has provided leadership in protecting unique coastal dune habitat and provided broad coastal stewardship, restoration and educational efforts in the region.

I support the effort and encourage your favorable consideration.

Sincerely,

MIKE THOMPSON
Member of Congress

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June 2, 2006

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

RE: Humboldt Bay Coastal Education Center and Reserve Project

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I am writing to extend my support for the Humboldt Bay Coastal Education Center and Reserve Project (Project) being proposed for funding consideration by the California Coastal Conservancy.

The Project, when implemented, will provide public access to a beautiful section of coastal dunes and wetlands located in Northwestern California adjacent to Humboldt Bay. The partnership between the Charles and Rachel Stamps Trust and the Friends of the Dunes presents a unique opportunity to develop a center for bay and dune education which can be enjoyed by countless visitors to the site.

I have recently toured the site and am highly impressed with this large tract of undeveloped property providing valuable dune and wetland habitats as well as the presence of two federally listed plant species.

I strongly support the Humboldt Bay Coastal Education Center and Reserve Project and urge the Coastal Conservancy to provide the financial support needed to move it closer to being a reality.

Sincerely,

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WESLEY CHESBRO
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June 1, 2006

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

Dear Mr. Bosco,

I am pleased to offer this letter in support of the application submitted by Friends of the Dunes to acquire property for the Humboldt Bay Coastal Education Center and Reserve Project.

Friends of the Dunes has a longstanding, respected, and committed relationship to the health and preservation of coastal environments in the Humboldt Bay region. They have an exemplary record of coastal stewardship and community involvement and stand out as a leader in coastal education and restoration.

Friends of the Dunes now has taken on the responsibility and role of a coastal land trust. In partnership with the Charles and Rachel Stamps Trust, Friends of the Dunes is developing the Humboldt Bay Coastal Education Center and Reserve Project. The property offered for acquisition contains valuable dune and wetland habitats, the presence of two federally listed plant species, and a relatively large tract of undeveloped coastal property. The project presents a unique opportunity to develop a center for bay and dune education, interpretation, and public outreach.

I fully support this project and its vision, and urge your favorable consideration of the Friends of the Dunes application 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

Cc: Lisa D. Hoover, FOD Land Trust Chair

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June 7, 2006

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

Re: Friends of the Dunes Project

Dear Mr. Bosco:

Yesterday the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors voted unanimously in support of the Friends of the Dunes Project, the **Humboldt Bay Coastal Education Center and Reserve Project**, as well as voted in support of the funds necessary to assist with appraisal and associated costs in concluding the transaction.

Friends of the Dunes (FOD) has a longstanding, respected, and committed relationship to the health and preservation of coastal environments in the Humboldt Bay region, in carrying out that commitment FOD is recognized as a leader in coastal education and restoration.

Friends of the Dunes has now taken on the responsibility and role of a coastal land trust. This new mission is strategically focused on habitat rich, rare, and pivotal properties that will preserve and protect high standards of coastal stewardship in perpetuity.

The coastal frontage property now owned by the Charles and Rachael Stamps Trust has been offered by the trustees, five Stamps brothers, to be the object of a conservation project in honor of their father and mother. They desire to honor and perpetuate the wishes of their father, who loved his coastal home with its dunes and wetlands, and who wanted to see it preserved for public enjoyment and education. To achieve that goal the family and Friends of the Dunes is developing the **Humboldt Bay Coastal Education Center and Reserve Project**. This project is joining of the family's vision with goals and mission of Friends of the Dunes. The subject property offered for acquisition contains valuable dune and wetland habitats, presence of two federally listed plant species, and a relatively large tract of undeveloped coastal property. The project presents an opportunity to develop a center for bay and dune education that is wanting in the

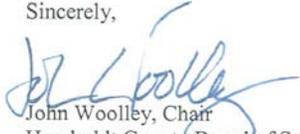
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Humboldt Bay region and consistent with both the Humboldt Bay Area Plan and the Humboldt Beach and Dunes Management Plan. With all the offerings and varieties of our coastal environment there is currently no center, or gateway, for education, interpretation, and public outreach.

The Humboldt County Board of Supervisors is pleased to provide support for this vital project that will enhance The Humboldt Bay Beach and Dunes Management Plan, provide education and access services to the public, and provide greater opportunities for dune protection and restoration.

Sincerely,


John Woolley, Chair
Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

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cc: Friends of the Dunes

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February 2, 2006

Susan A. Corbaley
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 11th Floor
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Dear Ms. ^{Su}Corbaley:

It is my pleasure to offer this letter of support for the **Humboldt Bay Coastal Education Center and Reserve**, a project of the Friends of the Dunes. As a County Supervisor, a long time Manila resident and a member of the Friends of the Dunes (FOD); I have had the opportunity at times to participate and provide assistance in the tremendous work FOD has accomplished over the years.

The Friends of the Dunes has grown to be a respected coastal steward in Humboldt County. The organization stands out as a leader in education and restoration, and through strategic planning it has adopted the land trust model to further their abilities and interests. The **Humboldt Bay Coastal Education Center and Reserve** clearly speaks to their goals and the need for additional access and recreation opportunities for visitors to the Manila Dunes.

One such property is that owned by the family of Mr. Charles Stamps, who are now working with the land trust to honor the wishes of their father, who loved his coastal home with its dunes and wetlands, and who wanted to see it preserved for public enjoyment and education. I was associated with Mr. Stamps when I was serving on the Manila Community Services District Board of Directors. Mr. Stamps was an honorable and dedicated community member, we all miss him and his family, and am sure he would be very pleased to see the advent of this project.

The Manila Community, being one of the last Northern California coastal communities that have development potential, has become a leader in developing the protection and access projects that will benefit many beach and dunes visitors. Coupled with the Manila CSD projects, the recreation and education benefits will provide a complex of services and experiences unparalleled on the north coast, experiences for which the Coastal Conservancy should be proud in taking a leadership role by being the principle underwriter.

Mr. Stamps' property and his unique architecture are certainly worthy of public ownership. The FOD uses will complement the property and certainly become a center for meeting many of the needs of our area, as well as the Coastal Conservancy. Again, I fully support this project and the vision of the Friends of Dunes, and encourage the California Coastal Conservancy to provide the necessary funding to see it fulfilled.

Sincerely,


John Woolley
3rd District Supervisor

c: Lisa D. Hoover, FOD Land Trust Chair

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Commissioner Mike Wilson

Humboldt Bay Harbor Recreation and Conservation District
Division 3

February 11, 2006

Ms. Susan A. Corbaley
California Coastal Conservancy
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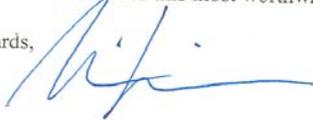
Dear Ms. Corbaley,

The Friends of the Dunes has a longstanding, respected, and committed relationship to coastal environments of the Humboldt Bay region. In their commitment to coastal stewardship and community involvement, the organization stands out as a leader in education and restoration. Efforts on behalf of the land trust have strategically focused on properties that serve to extend coastal stewardship in the region in perpetuity.

One such property is that owned by the family of Mr. Charles Stamps, who are now working with the land trust to honor the wishes of their father, who loved his coastal home with its dunes and wetlands, and who wanted to see it preserved for public enjoyment and education. The Humboldt Bay Coastal Education Center and Reserve project is an alliance of vision between the family and the Friends. Besides the dune and wetland habitats, presence of two Federally listed plant species, and relatively large tract of undeveloped coastal property, the project presents an opportunity to develop a center for bay and dune education that is wanting in the Humboldt Bay region. With all the offerings of the coastal environmental in the Humboldt Bay region, there is currently no center, literally and figuratively, or gateway, for education, interpretation, and public outreach.

As the third Division commissioner of the Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation and Conservation District, I am in full support of this project and its vision, and encourage the Conservancy to continue their support of the Friends for this most worthwhile project.

Best regards,



Mike Wilson, Commissioner
Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation and Conservation District, Division 3

Cc: Lisa D. Hoover, FOD Land Trust Chair

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7 June 2006

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

Mr. Bosco,

I am writing to give my support to the effort of the Friends of the Dunes to provide a coastal dunes interpretive center on the Samoa Peninsula in Humboldt County.

I am the youngest grandchild of Charles and Rachel Stamps and grew up spending much time on their property. This included the opportunity of living there with my grandmother for the space of three years. During this time I was able to explore and enjoy the wonders of the coastal dunes and beach. I learned first-hand of the diversity of wildlife located there, from a massive ant hill I discovered to the great variety of local and migratory birds I identified. My interest in nature has increased as I have grown. I feel this is in large part due to the experiences I have had in places such as this. The exposure my grandparents gave me to the beach, dunes, and surrounding area is something I will always treasure. I would love for others to learn first-hand as I have of the beauty and diversity of the dunes and beach.

My grandparents took pride in the home they created in the dunes and tried to share it with as many people as they could. Making the structure into an interpretive center to educate people of all ages about the uniqueness of the area would be a great honor to these two people who loved nature and the community so much.

Sincerely,


Tiffany Wagner
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Mr. Bosco,

June 5, 2006

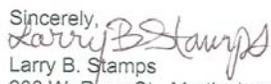
I am writing to give support to the Friends of the Dunes effort to provide a coastal dunes interpretive center on the Samoa Peninsula in Humboldt County. As the youngest son of Charles and Rachel Stamps, I am representing the family in expressing support.

Our parents loved nature, the ocean and the dunes and felt that it was important for the dunes to be preserved for their beauty and to provide a place for their family and others to have experiences in nature. They had the opportunity to acquire this unique piece of farm/dunes property. Even before they did anything with the property they organized a memorable family reunion campout for their 5 sons and their families in the area where they eventually built their retirement home. When they built they did not want to put a "box" as a house in the setting of the dunes that would distract from the natural beauty. They designed and build a home that in addition to being innovative and energy efficient was aesthetically pleasing and blends literally into the dunes. They were proud of their home and always relished in sharing it with individuals and groups. They would make the home and property available for family, church, community, youth groups, Boy Scouts, etc. They would be excited with the concept of a dunes interpretive center being developed in their home and on the dunes property. The family shares in this excitement and looks forward to working with the Friends of the Dunes.

Our parents loved the outdoors. They were directly involve for over fifty years as original members of an organization, the Liahona Club (a Northern California Service organization), that provided Sierra Mountain camping experiences to families and groups, especially for girls camps. They helped develop and operate three sierra camps for this purpose. They were in-camp caretakers for many years. Literally thousands and thousands have been able to participate in these camping and nature educational experiences.

After moving to Humboldt County they were involved in many community activities and efforts, including efforts to protect the dunes and in the development of the community dunes park at the south end of the spit. This area has provided positive and controlled recreation and education for the local as well as the tourist community.

The family would be honored if our parents tradition of community involvement, nature education and volunteer service could be enriched by the realization of the dream that the property to be preserved for public access and the house to be developed into a dunes interpretive center.

Sincerely,

Larry B. Stamps
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February 4, 2006

Ms. Susan A. Corbaley
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 11th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

RE: Humboldt Bay Coastal Education Center and Reserve (aka Stamps Property)

Dear Ms. Corbaley:

The Board of Directors of the Redwood Region Audubon Society supports the concept of the California Coastal Conservancy allocating funds for the Friends of the Dunes to purchase two parcels (AP#506-111-020 and AP#506-111-011) located in Manila, California. This project is in accord with our chapter's overall mission of preserving habitat for the protection of birds and other wildlife.

Sincerely,

Janice A. Andersen

Janice A. Andersen
Board Member
Redwood Region Audubon Society

Cc: Carol Vander Meer
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A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY