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June 9, 2006

Douglas Bosco, Chairman  
California Coastal Conservancy  
Attn: Sue Corbaley, Project Officer  
1330 Broadway, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

Subject: Manila Community Services District Celestre Parcel Project

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I am pleased to have this opportunity to express my support for the Manila Community Services District's Project (Project) to acquire and restore parcels of land – known as the Celestre property- to the north of the present Manila Dunes Recreation Area.

I understand that the acquisition will complete the "access needs" requirements as outlined in the 1991 Manila Dunes Access Plan and will provide needed public access through the unique coastal dune setting to the beach areas of the North Spit of Humboldt Bay. Further, these parcels are important to completion of the trail from the trailhead to the beach and will substantially ensure the restoration of the dunes on the parcels north of the present Manila Dunes Recreation Area.

This Project, when implemented, will bring to bear another important link in the Conservancy's long-term goal of completion of a coastal trail running the length of the State's beautiful coastline. I urge the Conservancy Board to approve this worthwhile project.

Thank you. Please contact my Eureka District Office if I may be of further assistance.

Sincerely

*Wesley Chesbro*  
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State Senator, Second District

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June 7, 2006

Mr. Doug Bosco, Chair  
California Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Oakland, California 94612-2530

Dear Mr. Bosco:

I am pleased to offer this letter in support of the Manila Community Services District (MCSD) proposal to acquire and restore land known as the Celestre parcels.

The acquisition of the Celestre parcels to the north of the present Manila Dunes Recreation Area will provide public access through unique coastal dunes to the beach on the north spit of Humboldt Bay. Since 1991, when MCSD acquired 99 acres of dune properties through California Coastal Conservancy, MCSD has continued to restore and maintain the land, improving access and trails as outlined in the Manila Dunes Recreation Area Trail and Access Plan. As envisioned, acquisition of the Celestre parcels will provide another link in the state's long-term goal of a coastal trail the length of the state.

The Community of Manila has a large base of committed volunteers, who sponsor special events integrating the community and its natural resource. Together with Friends of the Dunes and AmeriCorps, MCSD sponsors numerous projects and programs that will be greatly enhanced with the funding and purchase of the Celestre parcels.

I appreciate your favorable consideration of the Manila Community Services District grant proposal. 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 1<sup>st</sup> District

Cc: Su Corbaley, Project Officer, California Coastal Conservancy

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June 7, 2006

Su Corbaley, Project Officer  
California Coastal Conservancy  
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Oakland, California 94612-2530

Dear Ms. Corbaley:

I am pleased to write in support of the Manila Community Services District (MCSD) proposal to acquire and restore the Celestre parcels north of the present Manila Dunes Recreation Area. This acquisition will complete the access needs as proposed in the 1991 Manila Dunes Access Plan, to provide public access through unique coastal dunes to the beach on the North Spit of Humboldt Bay and restore rare coastal dune habitat. In 1991, MCSD acquired 99 acres of dune properties and the Manila Dunes Community Center, formerly the Manila School, through California Coastal Conservancy.

MCSD has restored and maintained the acquisitions, implemented access and trail improvements per the Manila Dunes Recreation Area Trail and Access Plan. Acquisition of the Celestre parcels is important to complete the main trail from the trailhead at the Manila Dunes Community Center to the beach, as well as ensure restoration of the dunes on the Celestre parcels to the north included in the Manila Dunes Access Plan.

This acquisition is consistent with plans identified in the Humboldt County Beach and Dunes Management Plan, increasing opportunities for the public to access the beach and dunes. The public parking, available at the Manila Dunes Recreation Area gateway, provides improved access to the beach and dunes and meets the goal of the Local Coastal Plan and the Recreation Element of the County General Plan. Residents and visitors alike will be able to access these unique coastal areas. As envisioned, this acquisition will provide another link in the State's long-term goal of completion of a coastal trail the length of the State per the beach.

The Community of Manila has a large base of committed volunteers, who sponsor special events integrating the community and its natural resource. Together with Friends of the Dunes and AmeriCorps, MCSD sponsors events such as Sand Sculpture Day, Peninsula Clean Up, and Day of Caring, which bring locals and service groups, who clean up illegal dumpsites along the bay, beach, coastal forest, and dunes and restore the dunes. All of

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these projects and programs are greatly enhanced with the funding and purchase of the Celestre parcels.

Prior to being elected county supervisor, I served on the Manila Community Services District Board, and worked on the various plans and implementation projects that culminate with this purchase. This is an excellent opportunity for providing beach and dunes access and I believe it deserves to be supported to the fullest.

Sincerely,



John Woolley  
3rd District Supervisor  
County of Humboldt

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Lanphere Dunes Unit  
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June 8, 2006

Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chair  
California Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Oakland, California 94612-2530

Dear Mr. Bosco:

I am writing in support of the Manila Community Services District (MCSD) acquisition of the Celestre parcels in order to complete the 1991 Manila Dunes Access Plan. The Services District has been working hard almost 20 years to protect and restore the dunes. Despite a limited funding base they have been extremely successful in managing this area, which provides public access for the communities surrounding Humboldt Bay. The Manila Dunes is the most accessible of the forested dune areas owned and managed for public access along the North Spit. The District provides a very important recreational service to our region. The Celestre parcel(s) will make public access to the site much more feasible and logical. The volunteer base already available to the District through their successful partnership with the non-profit organization, Friends of the Dunes, will allow them to carry out needed restoration. The Manila Dunes is part of a continuous corridor along the North Spit, which has been identified as the highest restoration priority in the region. The public agencies that own and manage these lands are all working together to make this goal a reality. I urge you to fund this excellent access opportunity.

Sincerely,

*Andrea S. Pickart*  
Andrea Pickart  
Ecologist

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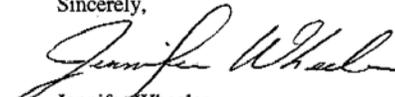
Douglas Bosco, Chair  
California Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Oakland, California 94612-2530

Dear Mr. Bosco:

As the Botanist for the U.S. Bureau of Land Management, I am pleased to write in support of the Manila Community Services District (MCSD) proposal to acquire and restore parcels to the south of the U.S. Bureau of Land Management Ma-le'l Dunes. We have been restoring dunes to the north and south of the Manila Dunes Access Project (Manila Dunes Recreation Area) and are very excited about closing the recreation and restoration gap between our properties. This acquisition will enable further contiguous restoration of northern foredune habitat which provides for rare, threatened, and endangered species such as the federally endangered Humboldt Bay wallflower (*Erysimum menziesii* ssp. *eurekaense*) and beach layia (*Layia carnosa*); federally rare pink sand verbena (*Abronia umbellata* ssp. *breviflora*) and dark-eyed gilia (*Gilia millefoliata*); as well as the federally threatened western snowy plover (*Charadrius alexandrinus* var. *nivosus*).

The BLM is a partner in the Dunes Cooperative, which embodies a county-wide effort to provide for restoration of Humboldt County beaches and dunes. Please feel free to contact me at (707) 825-2300 with any inquiries you might have regarding these interests.

Sincerely,



Jennifer Wheeler

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Friends of the  
**DUNES**

June 6, 2006

Doug Bosco, Chair  
California Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Oakland, California 94612-2530

Dear Mr. Bosco,

We are pleased to write in support of the Manila Community Services District's acquisition of land in the northern Manila Dunes Recreation Area. We feel the Celestre parcel is sorely needed to provide a direct route to the beach from the community center. This parcel can be restored to continue restoration efforts at the Manila Dunes. The Friends of the Dunes has been actively involved in dune stewardship and restoration for many years and supports all efforts to conserve and restore this unique natural resource.

Friends of the Dunes, which has a long history of educating the community on the values of the coastal dunes as well as recruiting volunteers, has a formal Memorandum of Understanding with Manila Community Services District to cooperate in the restoration of, and education about, the Manila Dunes Recreation Area. Friends of the Dunes holds guided nature walks twice a month at the Manila Dunes Recreation Area for the community, as well as Restoration Workdays. Friends of the Dunes participates in special events held at the Manila Dunes Recreation Area, such as the Peninsula Clean Up and Day of Caring. In addition, our Bay to Dunes Environmental Education Program provides hands-on restoration opportunities while learning about dune ecology and natural history, offering children tangible examples of environmental restoration they can understand and share with their friends and family.

In closing, we would like to emphasize the importance of conservation and restoration activities at the Manila Dunes Recreation Area. The Friends of the Dunes considers this a valuable project and we hope you will take the necessary action to support it in the fullest.

Sincerely,

Bill Weaver, Board President

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# California Native Plant Society

North Coast Chapter  
P. O. Box 1067  
Arcata, CA 95518  
June 5, 2006

Su Corbaley, Project Officer  
California Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Oakland, California 94612-2530

Dear Ms. Corbaley:

As a representative of the North Coast Chapter of the California Native Plant Society (CNPS), I am writing this letter in support of the Manila Community Services District proposal to acquire the adjacent area known as the Celestre property. CNPS is a statewide nonprofit organization of nearly 10,000 amateurs and professionals united by an interest in the plants of California. CNPS conducts a variety of conservation efforts focused on long-term protection and preservation of native flora in its natural habitat. The North Coast Chapter represents over 300 members in Humboldt, Del Norte, and Trinity Counties.

The Manila Community Services District's Dunes Restoration Project is an important long-term project on the North Spit of Humboldt Bay. This project is part of a united effort to protect a rare vegetation type that harbors rare plant species, including Humboldt Bay wallflower, beach layia, and pink sand verbena. The dune mat habitat of the North Spit is a diminishing vegetation type that is threatened by invasive exotic plant species such as European beach grass and yellow bush lupine. Dune mat habitat is threatened by development and recreation in many parts of the state. The North Spit of Humboldt Bay is unique in that much of this rare habitat is actively managed and protected by cooperating agencies, including the Bureau of Land Management and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service. The land ownership of the North Spit allows a unique opportunity to protect a large area of unique native plant habitat, and the Manila Dunes is a crucial member of the cooperative effort.

The acquisition of this property is essential to the restoration efforts on adjacent lands, where non-native plants threaten the native vegetation. In addition to expanding the



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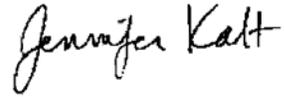
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rare dune mat habitat, the addition of this parcel to the Manila Dunes Recreation Area will reduce the threat of continued colonization by invasive exotics as well as expand populations of rare, threatened, and endangered species. Supporting these efforts will help support important long-term restoration efforts in a unique habitat.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jennifer Kalt". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jennifer Kalt, Conservation Chair  
North Coast Chapter, California Native Plant Society