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May 12, 2006

Amy Hutzel
Project Manager.
Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 11th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

Dear Ms. Hutzel:

I am writing in support of the Santa Clara County Open Space Authority's (SCCOSA) project application for completing the feasibility study for trails and a staging area connecting SCCOSA lands in the beautiful lands east of San Jose. The SCCOSA is proposing to identify an approximately six-mile trail alignment and the location of a staging area to connect and serve their lands and our constituents in Santa Clara County and the greater Bay Area. This is the primary alignment of the Bay Area Ridge Trail, connecting Alum Rock City Park to the ridgeline route of the Diablo Range.

The ridgeline route of the Diablo Range is easily accessible by the communities surrounding eastern San Jose. When this trail segment is implemented, providing multi-use access to the public open space lands that have little or no access at this time, there will be tremendous added recreational value brought to our communities. The proposed segment will connect trail users to the state's oldest city park, San Jose's Alum Rock City Park, and is designed to accommodate pedestrians, mountain bikes and equestrians.

The project will be an important connection to the densely populated residential areas lying just west of the trail. This will be the second collaboration between the SCCOSA, the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council, and the Coastal Conservancy. This type of partnership is critical to implementing this and other regional trails and we want to support this partnership as much as possible.

I strongly champion the completion of this Bay Area Ridge Trail segment and urge the Coastal Conservancy to approve this funding application.

Most sincerely,

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April 12, 2006

Mr. Douglas Bosco
Chairman, Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, Suite 1100
Oakland, CA 94129

Dear Mr. Bosco:

I am writing in support of the Santa Clara County Open Space Authority's (SCCOSA) project application for completing a feasibility study for trails and a staging area. The area in question would connect SCCOSA lands east of San Jose. The SCCOSA is proposing to identify an approximate 6-mile trail alignment and the location of a staging area. The staging area and trail would greatly benefit our constituents in Santa Clara County and the greater bay area.

This is the primary alignment of the Bay Area Ridge Trail, connecting Alum Rock City Park to the ridgeline route of the Diablo Range. The ridgeline route of the Diablo range is easily accessible by the communities surrounding eastern San Jose. When this trail segment is implemented, providing multi-use access to the public open space lands that have little or no access at this time, there will be tremendous added recreational value brought to our communities. The proposed segment will connect trail users to the state's oldest City Park, and is designed to accommodate pedestrians, mountain bikes and equestrians.

Responsible Organized Mountain Pedalers (ROMP) is the oldest off-road cycling advocacy group in the Bay Area. Presently, we have about 350 members who are concerned with trail access in the San Francisco South Bay and Peninsula regions. To accomplish our mission of leading the participation of mountain cyclists in the trail community, we work with local cycling industry leaders, government agencies, and other trail user groups.

We strongly support the completion of this Bay Area Ridge Trail segment and urge the Coastal Conservancy to approve this funding application.

Gratefully,

Joshua Moore
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