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August 23, 2006

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

VIA FACSIMILE: 510-286-0470

RE: Support for Conservancy Approval of Funding for Back Bay Science Center,
Newport Beach CA

Dear Chairman Bosco:

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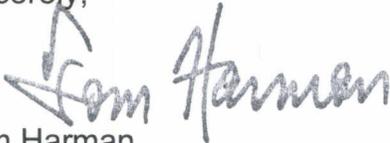
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom Harman". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "T".

Tom Harman
35th Senate District

cc: Greg Gauthier
State Coastal Conservancy
PO Box 22405
Santa Barbara, CA 93121

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September 13, 2006

Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chairman
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Christiane Parry". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being more prominent.

Christiane Parry
Public Education Program Manager

cc: Greg Gauthier
State Coastal Conservancy
PO Box 22405
Santa Barbara, CA 93121



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September 12, 2006

Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chairman
California Coastal Conservancy
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Oakland, California 94612

VIA FACSIMILE: 510-286-0470

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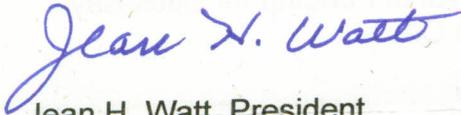
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Sincerely,



Jean H. Watt, President
Friends of Harbors, Beaches and Parks, Orange County

cc: Greg Gauthier
State Coastal Conservancy
PO Box 22405
Santa Barbara, CA 93121



THE IRVINE COMPANY

August 22, 2006

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

Dear Chairman Bosco:

The Irvine Company respectfully urges support of the State Coastal Conservancy (SCC) for \$400,000 in funding to assist in the construction of the Back Bay Science Center (BBSC) in Newport Beach, California. As one of the private sector participants in this project, the BBSC is a unique and important effort in Southern California to tie estuarine education and water quality research into a single facility at a remarkable location – the Upper Newport Bay Ecological Reserve’s Shellmaker Island.

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As such, we respectfully urge your support of allocating \$400,000 towards the Project. We look forward to adding the Conservancy to the list of partners at the Back Bay Science Center.

Sincerely,

Daniel T. Miller
Senior Vice President
The Irvine Company

cc: Greg Gauthier
State Coastal Conservancy
PO Box 22405
Santa Barbara, CA 93121

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August 21, 2006

Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chairman
California Coastal Conservancy
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Oakland, California 94612

VIA FACSIMILE: 510-286-0470

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Sincerely,



Michael O'Connell
Irvine Ranch Land Reserve Trust
320 Commerce, Ste.150
Irvine, CA 92602

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**Surfrider
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Newport Beach Chapter of the Surfrider Foundation

323 Jasmine Avenue, Corona del Mar, CA 92625

August 22, 2006

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

Subject: Surfrider Foundation Support for Conservancy Approval of Funding for Newport Beach Back Bay Science Center

Dear Chairman Bosco:

This requests your support and that of the full State Coastal Conservancy (SCC) for \$400,000 in funding to assist in the construction of the Back Bay Science Center (BBSC) in Newport Beach, CA.

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Sincerely,

Raymond M. Halowski
Newport Beach Chapter of the Surfrider Foundation

cc: Greg Gauthier, State Coastal Conservancy



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Newport Bay



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October 11, 2006

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VIA FACSIMILE: 510-286-0470

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Dear Chairman Bosco:

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