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October 17, 2006

Mr. Doug Bosco, Chair
ATTN: Su Corbaley
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

Dear Mr. Bosco: *Doug*

I am pleased to offer my support for the application submitted by the Northcoast Regional Land Trust to support the proposed acquisition of a conservation easement on the Valley View Ranch in Humboldt County.

The purchase of the 1532-acre Valley View Ranch easement would preserve and protect the ranch as a functional agricultural unit that supports healthy forest, stream, and grassland habitats. As part of the Six Rivers to the Sea conservation initiative, the project is an important step in preserving the ecology, culture, and economy of this unique and stunning region. The project would also bolster the recovery of native coho salmon in the Mattole River watershed through the protection of forests and streams.

The Valley View Ranch is located adjacent to the North Fork Ranch, for which a conservation easement project also is proposed. The completion of these two projects would accomplish substantial resource protection within the Mattole watershed and serve as a cost-effective model of cooperation among neighboring landowners. Securing an easement for the Valley View Ranch is the first step in this process. The lasting benefits of this project to wildlife, the region and the people of California will be significant.

I urge your favorable consideration of the Northcoast Land Trust's application for the purchase of the Valley View Ranch easement. If I can provide any further information, please do not hesitate to contact my Eureka District Office at (707) 445-7014.

Respectfully,
Patty Berg

PATTY BERG
Assemblymember, 1st District

Cc: Shayne Green, Northcoast Regional Land Trust

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October 17, 2006

Doug Bosco, Chairman
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, Floor #13
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

Attention: Sue Corbaley

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I am writing in support of the conservation easement for the Valley View Ranch near Petrolia. This beautiful property is essential to the health of the North Fork Mattole River. Its timber, grass lands, wildlife and fisheries resources are highly valued by the people in Humboldt County.

The area is within my supervisorial district and deserves long term protection. This acquisition is key to the Forest Legacy Program and would help preserve a beautiful and unique ranch.

Thank you in advance for considering this important project.

Sincerely,

Jimmy Smith, 1st District Supervisor
County of Humboldt

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cc: Shayne Green, Northcoast Regional Land Trust

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October 30, 2006

Doug Bosco, Chairman
ATTN: Sue Corbaley
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

Re: Forest Legacy Program purchase of Valley View Ranch

Dear Mr. Bosco:

I am writing to express my support for the acquisition of conservation easement on the Valley View Ranch in Humboldt County, California. The purchase of this easement by the state would preserve and protect the ranch as a functional agricultural unit that supports healthy forest, stream, and grassland habitats. As part of the landscape-scale Six Rivers to the Sea conservation initiative in Northwestern California, the project is an important step in preserving the ecology, culture, and economy of this unique and stunning region. The project also represents a cost-effective approach to conservation that secures the protection of key resources at the lowest possible short and long-term cost to the public. The Mattole River watershed is one of the best refuges for native populations of coho salmon in California, and this project would further bolster the recovery of those populations through the protection of forests and streams.

The lasting benefits of this project to wildlife, the region, and the people of California will be significant. I encourage the Coastal Conservancy to approve funding for the acquisition of a conservation easement on the Valley View Ranch.

Sincerely,

WESLEY CHESBRO
State Senator, Second District

cc: Shayne Green, Northcoast Regional Land Trust



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ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER, Governor



October 19, 2006

Mr. Doug Bosco, Chair
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

Attention Ms. Su Corbaley:

Dear Mr. Bosco:

**Proposal for funds enabling the
California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection's (CDF)
Forest Legacy Program to purchase a conservation easement on the
Valley View Ranch in Humboldt County, California**

The Department of Fish and Game supports the proposed acquisition of a conservation easement on the 1532-acre Valley View Ranch near Petrolia in Humboldt County, California. The purchase of this easement by the State would preserve and protect the ranch as a functional agricultural unit that supports healthy forest, stream, and grassland habitats. As part of the landscape-scale Six Rivers to the Sea conservation initiative in northwestern California, the project is an important step in preserving the ecology, culture, and economy of this unique and stunning region. The project also represents a cost-effective approach to conservation that secures the protection of key resources at the lowest possible short and long-term cost to the public. The Mattole River watershed is one of the best refuges for native populations of coho salmon in California, and this project would further bolster the recovery of those populations through the protection of forests and streams, in particular the North Fork Mattole River and East Mill Creek tributary to the Mattole River near River Mile 5.

The Valley View Ranch is located adjacent to the North Fork Ranch, which also is proposed for a conservation easement project. Together, these two properties cover over 3,700 acres and include over two miles of North Fork Mattole River frontage. The completion of these two projects would accomplish substantial resource protection within this key watershed and serve as a model facilitating further protection of adjacent or nearby properties. It would also serve as a model of cooperation among neighboring landowners with similar conservation priorities. Securing an easement for the Valley View Ranch is the first step in this process.

The lasting benefits of this project to fish and wildlife, the region and the people of California will be significant. We support the Coastal Conservancy Board's approval of funding for the acquisition of a conservation easement on the Valley View Ranch.

Sincerely,

DONALD B. KOCH
Regional Manager

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