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December 14, 2006

Douglas Bosco, Chairman
State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, Suite 1300
Oakland, CA 94612
ATTN: Sheila Semans, Project Manager

Subject: **Coastal Land Trust: 2007 Seaside Beach Improvement Project**

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I write to express my strong support for the *Seaside Beach Improvement Project* (Project) submitted by the Coastal Land Trust to the Coastal Conservancy for funding consideration.

The two phases of the Project will improve public access at Mendocino County beaches, remove invasive plant species, protect endangered species habitat and support general physical improvement of the grounds and access areas of specified sites. I am pleased to see that local organizations in partnership with the Conservation Corps and community volunteers are focusing efforts on improving coastal access to these areas.

For these reasons, I encourage the Coastal Conservancy to provide funding support for the Coastal Land Trust's 2007 Seaside Beach Improvement Project.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

PATRICIA WIGGINS
Senator, 2nd District

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December 19, 2006

Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chairman
State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, Suite 1300
Oakland, CA 94612
ATTN: Sheila Semans, Project Manager

Dear Chairman Bosco: *D. Bosco*

I am writing in support of the Coastal Land Trust's grant application for the 2007 Seaside Beach Improvements Project. This project will directly support the important goals of resource protection and public access for the California coastline.

The Coastal Land Trust manages the popular Seaside Beach for public use and protects and enhances the wetlands on the property. Your support for this project would fund, among other things, the containment of invasive species, re-vegetation with native species and creation of a driving barrier to protect the endangered snowy plover on adjacent Mackerricher State Park.

These important projects will enhance the environment in the First Assembly District. I would appreciate your favorable consideration of the Coastal Land Trust's grant application for the Seaside Beach Improvements 2007 Project.

Respectfully,

Patty Berg

PATTY BERG
Assemblywoman, 1st District

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cc: Rixanne Wehren, Coastal Land Trust



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December 18, 2006

Douglas Bosco, Chairman
State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, Suite 1300
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ATTN: Sheila Semans, Project Manager

Dear Mr. Bosco,

I am pleased to write in support of the Coastal Land Trust's proposed restoration of Seaside Beach and Meadow. This is an important effort that will target aggressive invasive species. Mendocino Coast Botanical Gardens will be happy to assist in this project in any way that we can, including helping with planning efforts and production of plants for site restoration.

The Gardens has a successful track record producing restoration plants for California State Parks, and we are actively seeking to expand our role in restoration efforts on the Mendocino Coast.

Please let me know if you have any questions about ways the Gardens can assist in the restoration of Seaside Beach and Meadow. You can reach me at 707.964.4352 x 11 or by email at rowings@gardenbythesea.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rich Owings".

Rich Owings
Executive Director



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1330 Broadway, Suite 1300
Oakland, CA 94612

**ATTN: Sheila Semans, Project Manager, Seaside Beach,
Mendocino County, CA**

Dear Mr. Bosco and Ms. Semans,

This letter is written in support of efforts to improve Seaside Beach, currently owned by the Coastal Land Trust. We understand the Coastal Land Trust will apply to you for funds in January 2007, to conserve this popular Mendocino coast property.

The Mendocino Coast Audubon Society strongly believes that conservation and recreation can happen on the same beach. All it takes is common sense and respect for wildlife, plant life, and human life. Seaside Beach is in real trouble and the Coastal Land Trust needs help.

We speak passionately to the plight of shore birds – especially the Western Snowy Plover, a federally threatened species. These shorebirds nest and rest on Ten Mile Beach, which is adjacent to Seaside Beach. Ten Mile Beach is part of MacKerricher State Park and is designated as critical habitat for the Western Snowy Plovers. Recreational drivers have begun to drive their off-road vehicles from Seaside Beach onto Ten Mile Beach by fording the river at low tide. This so-called sport has seen these drivers race up and down Ten Mile Beach – directly over the bird nest sites.

This is particularly damaging for snowy plovers because these tiny birds nest on top of the sand on the open beach. When chicks hatch, they do not fly for at least a month and those chicks are easy targets for reckless drivers and careless people.

Marine mammal volunteers have also told us that baby seals have been rescued in the area – plucked out of off-road vehicle tire tracks.

Chairman Douglas Bosco

December 19, 2006

There is a desperate need to put up barriers that will stop vehicle access from Highway 1 onto Seaside Beach. The pullout on Highway 1 at Seaside Beach spills directly onto the beach. Once the vehicles are on Seaside Beach, it is a short drive to MacKerricher Park's Ten Mile Beach – the shorebirds spring nesting ground and resting place during migration.

The Mendocino Coast Audubon Society met with the Coastal Land Trust, California State Parks and Recreation, and California Department of Transportation last June. We wanted to come up with solutions to this off-road vehicle problem. Ms. Rixanne Wehren, of the Coastal Land Trust, described plans to erect vehicle barriers and signs on Seaside Beach. We believe the plan she outlined in this meeting will work. We hope that the State Coastal Conservancy can help by providing funds for this effort.

The enclosed picture tells it all. It was taken during a snowy plover survey on Ten Mile Beach in the summer of 2006. It shows a snowy plover standing in the middle of off-road vehicle tire tracks on the beach. The photo was taken in an area where snowy plover nests have been monitored in past years, near Seaside Beach. There were no snowy plover nests in the area this year. We think the increased illegal off-road vehicle traffic is one of the reasons for this and we hope this problem can be solved with your help.

If this bird disappears from our coast because of natural causes, that is one thing; but if we lose this bird because of human indifference, that is much worse.

Our organization is willing to help educate visitors and local citizens about the natural treasures of the area. We have partnered with California State Parks to monitor shore birds and clear exotic invasive plants in MacKerricher State Park. We also participate in Coastal Cleanup Day on Ten Mile Beach. State Parks has helped by budgeting more than \$130,000 to clear invasive European beach grass in the Ten Mile Dune Preserve of MacKerricher State Park (this project will bring follow-up removal for the next several years and was planned to “restore native coastal dune habitat for the recovery of sensitive species including federally listed Western Snowy Plover...”

It would be tragic to see the efforts of California State Parks and Audubon volunteers fail because the back door to Ten Mile Beach was left open to careless and illegal vehicle activity.

We hope you agree with us that Seaside Beach can be wisely managed, that Ten Mile Beach can be protected from vehicular access from Seaside Beach, and that the public can continue to enjoy these beaches – along with our precious shorebirds.

Thank you for your consideration.

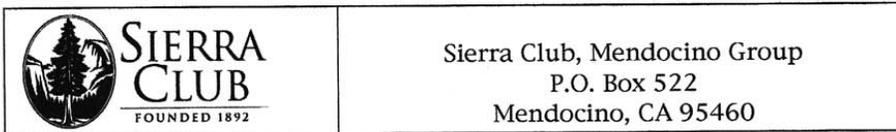
Sincerely,



Warren F. Wade, President
Mendocino Coast Audubon Society

Cc: Rixanne Wehren
Coastal Land Trust





Dec. 12, 2007

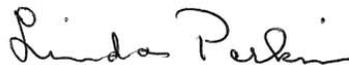
Douglas Bosco, Chairman
State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, Suite 1300
Oakland, CA 94612
ATTN: Sheila Semans, Project Manager

Dear Conservancy,

The Sierra Club, Mendocino group, is writing in support of the Seaside Beach Improvements grant for 2007-8. This grant would help the Coastal Land Trust to protect the snowy plovers on Mackerricher State Beach by eliminating a driving access into the State Park. In addition, the removal of invasive species on the beach and meadow, and revegetation, will protect the wetlands there and reduce the potential for spread of the noxious plants into the State Park and other areas.

We thank the Coastal Land Trust and the State Coastal Conservancy for dealing with these issues and helping protect the habitats along our beautiful stretch of the California coastline. Please award this grant and continue to support both public access and habitat protection on the hugely popular Seaside Beach.

Sincerely,



Linda Perkins
Mendocino Group chair

159 Jewett St.
Fort Bragg, CA 95437
Dec. 15, 2006

Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chairman
State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, Suite 1300
Oakland, CA 94612

Attention: Sheila Semans, Project Manager

Dear Mr. Bosco,

I am writing in strong support of the Coastal Land Trust's application for funds for design work and resource protection at Seaside Beach.

For over 20 years I have surveyed the Western Snowy Plover flocks along 10-Mile Beach (in MacKerricher State Park) as a volunteer for Point Reyes Bird Observatory and, more recently, for the California Dept. of Parks and Recreation. Each fall, after the mouth of 10-Mile River has closed, I have seen vehicles on 10-Mile Beach. Their tracks often extend 5 or 6 miles up the beach. The access has been via Seaside Beach.

Driving on 10-Mile Beach is a practice which is harmful to the federally listed Western Snowy Plover, as well as to other wildlife, and to the integrity of the beach and the bordering dunes. I am very pleased that plans are now under way to erect a

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barrier which would prevent these damaging incursions.

The other objectives included in the Coastal Land Trust's application are also meritorious, and certainly have my support as well.

Sincerely,
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December 15, 2006

Douglas Bosco, Chairman
State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, Suite 1300
Oakland, CA 94612

Re: 2007 Seaside Beach Improvement Project and Protected Wetland Sanctuary Meadow
in Mendocino County

Dear Mr. Bosco,

This letter is to request support of the 2007 Seaside Beach Project in Mendocino County
and the adjacent Wetland Sanctuary Meadow Projects.

For the past twenty years my husband Anees Azad and I have owned the property of
32952 Ocean Meadows Circle which overlooks Seaside Beach in Mendocino County.
We have seen the number of cars driving on the beach increase. Overnight camping and
fires have been an ongoing safety and health hazard. These activities break down the
edge of the property, threaten the snow plovers on Mackerricher's Ten Mile Beach and
destroy the pristine beauty of our coastline.

Please support the design work and resource protection that is proposed which will
ensure the pristine beauty for the coastal community and visitors for the future
generations. In your budget for this project please allow for replacement costs for signage
indicating restrictions for using the beach that may be lost or damaged due to storms or
vandalism.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Barbara and Anees Azad
32952 Ocean Meadows Circle
Fort Bragg, CA 95437

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cc: Rixanne Warren

December 20, 2006

Douglas Bosco, Chairman
STATE COASTAL CONSERVANCY
1330 Broadway, Suite 1300
Oakland, CA 94612

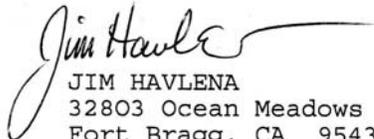
ATTENTION: Sheila Semans, Project Manager
2007 Seaside Beach Improvement Project
(Mendocino County)

I live very close to Seaside Beach in Mendocino County, and walk on Seaside Beach most days (usually mornings).

I ask that you provide funds for the "2007 Seaside Beach Improvement Project." These improvements will enhance the public's use of Seaside Beach while protecting the natural resources. In addition, these improvements are vital, since Seaside Beach does experience what I would consider "heavy" use by the public (especially in the summer months).

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,


JIM HAVLENA
32803 Ocean Meadows Circle
Fort Bragg, CA 95437-9616
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12-27-2006

State Coastal Conservancy
ATTN - Douglas Bosco
1330 Broadway
Oakland, CA 94612

(Seaside Beach 2007 Improvement Project)

I am a visitor to Seaside Beach, and ask that the Conservancy consider funds for the 2007 improvement project of the Coastal Land Trust for Seaside Beach.

Seaside Beach is very beautiful, but does need native plant revegetation, fence repair, signage, and other improvements. Please consider helping with the funding of this project. Thank you.

Ed Beckwith

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12001 Chaucer Road

Los Alamitos, CA 90720

Dec. 26, 2006

Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chair
State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, #1300
Oakland, CA 94612

RE: 2007 Seaside Beach
Improvement Project
in Mendocino County

We are visitors to Mendocino County and Seaside Beach
north of Fort Bragg. We ask that you provide funds to
the Coastal Land Trust for improvements at Seaside Beach.

Presently the beach is essentially "unimproved," and needs
work desperately. Thank you.

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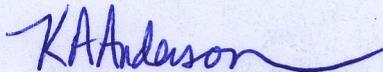
Douglas Bosco, Chairman
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ATTENTION: Sheila Semans
Project Manager
Seaside Beach Improvement Project - 2007

I live in Mendocino County near Seaside Beach, and ask that you provide funding for the "2007 Seaside Beach Improvement Project." This project will help to protect the natural resources of this area, including the removal of invasive plants.

I intend to be one of the volunteers to assist with the work at Seaside Beach. Thank you for your consideration in this project.

Sincerely,



K. A. ANDERSON
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State Coastal Conservancy

Douglas Bosco - Chair

1330 Broadway, Suite 1300

Oakland, Calif. 94612

I ask that the Conservancy consider providing funds to Coastal Land Trust in Mendocino County for their 2007 improvement project at Seaside Beach. As a visitor to Seaside Beach, I can tell you that it has many visitors, especially in the summers, and does need numerous improvements. I thank you for your assistance with their project.

Kathy Beckwith

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January 11, 2007

Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chairman
State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, Suite 1300
Oakland, CA 94612
ATTN: Sheila Semans, Project Manager

RE: Seaside Beach Improvements 2007 Project Application

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I would like to express support for the application by the Coastal Land Trust for the Seaside Beach Improvements 2007 project. This project will directly support the important goals of resource protection and public access for the California coastline.

The Coastal Land Trust manages the popular Seaside Beach for public use, and protects and enhances wetlands on the property. Your support for this project will aid in the containment of invasive species. Additionally, the 2007 project will protect the endangered snowy plover on adjacent Mackerricher State Park.

Please continue your good works on the coast by awarding this project grant.

Sincerely,

Kendall Smith

Kendall Smith, Fourth District Supervisor
Mendocino County Board of Supervisors

cc: Rixanne Wehren