



# COUNTY OF ORANGE

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Douglas Bosco, Chairman  
California State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

**Subject: Proposition 12 funding distribution**

Dear Chairman Bosco and Members of the Board,

This is a letter of support for funds identified for Laguna Coast Wilderness Park. The March 2000 Park Bond Act, Proposition 12, allocated funds to undertake projects for the South Coast Wilderness System of coastal canyons and watersheds in south Orange County. As a stakeholder with Laguna Canyon Foundation and the City of Laguna Beach we are utilizing these funds to acquire additional land for the regional South Coast Wilderness system of parks and preserves, which includes Laguna Coast Wilderness Park.

We support the conditions to permanently dedicate the acquired land for open space, public access and habitat preservation. We also agree to include the acquired land under the management of Laguna Coast Wilderness Park for public access and wildlife habitat.

Project partners Laguna Canyon Foundation and The Conservation Fund have submitted two Proposition 12 funding requests for the March 8, 2007 Conservancy Board meeting: a \$1,500,000 funding request for the 58.4 acre Chao property and another \$950,000 request for the 50.37 acre Stonefield property. An additional \$4,000 is requested for closing costs for each project.

We enthusiastically support the acquisition of the Chao and Stonefield properties for addition to Laguna Coast Wilderness Park and ask that you approve the Prop 12 funding allocations for these properties. Thank you for considering our request.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Parker Hancock".

Parker Hancock, Interim Director  
RDMD/Harbors, Beaches and Parks

cc: Bryan Speegle, Director RDMD  
Laguna Canyon Foundation