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May 8, 2007

Douglas Bosco, Chair
State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

RE: Cheney Creek Bridge

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I am writing to express my **strong support** for the proposed funding request made by Sonoma County Regional Parks for the Cheney Creek Bridge project. If funded, this project will connect two separate regional park facilities by installing a bridge across the Cheney Creek, thus improving public access to popular coastal recreational opportunities in Bodega Bay. In addition, this project will conveniently provide a link in the California Coastal Trail and enhance one-third of a mile of multi-use trail.

The Bodega Bay area attracts a wide variety of visitors for unique outdoor experiences everyday such as: camping, hiking, fishing and other water-related activities. The Cheney Creek project will not only benefit the wider community but enhance the public's access by providing an off-street connection for pedestrians and cyclists traveling between the two regional parks. In addition, this ecological site provides foraging for numerous shorebird species. With an unobstructed view, a variety of opportunities will be made available for bird watching that includes species of gulls, terns, pelicans, and more. Currently, without a bridge, the creek is a barrier to non-vehicular access between the Bird Walk Coastal Access and Doran Beach Regional Park. Together, these parks attract over 330,000 visitors annually.

Cheney Creek Bridge is the first project to be implemented from the 7.8 miles of trail and bike lanes identified in the Bodega Bay Bicycle and Pedestrian Trail Plan. Already the Bodega Bay community, Sonoma County, Caltrans, and State Parks have expressed their support for this project. As someone who is proud to represent Bodega Bay in the second Senate district, I strongly urge you to support funding this important recreation resource of the Sonoma Coast. Thank you for considering this worthy project. Should you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pat Wiggins".

PATRICIA WIGGINS,
Senator, 2nd District

cc: Deborah Hirst, State Coastal Conservancy
Elizabeth Tyree, Sonoma County Regional Parks



May 4, 2007

SONOMA
COUNTY
PARKS & RECREATION
ADVISORY
COMMISSION

Douglas Bosco
State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

RE: Cheney Creek Bridge

Dear Chairman Bosco:

The Sonoma County Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission supports the Cheney Creek Bridge and Trail Project. At our March 19 meeting we reviewed and endorsed the plan and environmental document.

This project will connect our popular Doran Beach Regional Park to Birdwalk Coastal Access Park, offering a scenic off-road route for park visitors. With over 130 campsites, Doran Beach is our most heavily used campground and one of our most popular parks countywide. Adjacent to Highway 1, Birdwalk is highly visible to the estimated 2 million annual visitors to Bodega Bay, and is used as a destination or as a stopping point for those seeking to stretch their legs.

Regional Parks staff is ready to start this project. A third of a mile of trail will be added or improved, including a bridge crossing for Cheney Creek. With approval of grant funding, construction can start this August. This construction schedule minimizes impacts to fish and nesting birds.

Thank you for considering funding this important link in the California Coastal Trail.

Sincerely,


John Mills
Chair, Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission

cc: Deborah Hirst, State Coastal Conservancy
Elizabeth Tyree, Sonoma County Regional Parks

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May 8, 2007

Douglas Bosco
State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

RE: Cheney Creek Bridge

Dear Chairman Bosco:

This letter comes to you in support of the Cheney Creek Bridge project request for funding. The Cheney Creek Bridge will serve to connect popular recreation destinations in Bodega Bay and provide an important link in the California Coastal Trail.

This project will add or improve one third of a mile of multi-use trail, including installing a bridge over Cheney Creek. The creek is currently a barrier to non-vehicular access between the Bird Walk Coastal Access and Doran Beach Regional Park. These two parks are enjoyed by many with annual visits totaling over 330,000.

The Bodega Bay area attracts visitors for camping, hiking, picnicking, boating, fishing and other water-related activities. This area also provides foraging for numerous shorebird species. The project site offers unobstructed viewing opportunities for bird watching that includes species of gulls, terns, loons, pelicans, cormorants, herons, and osprey.

Cheney Creek Bridge is the first project to be implemented from the 7.8 miles of trail and bike lanes identified in the Bodega Bay Bicycle and Pedestrian Trail Plan. The Bodega Bay community, Sonoma County, Caltrans, and State Parks all strongly support this project.

I too support this most valuable asset to the Sonoma Coast and urge the Coastal Conservancy to support its application for funding.

Thank you for considering funding this important recreation resource for the Sonoma Coast.

Respectfully,

PATTY BERG
Assemblywoman, 1st District

cc: Deborah Hirst, State Coastal Conservancy
Elizabeth Tyree, Sonoma County Regional Parks

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May 7, 2007

Douglas Bosco, Chairman
State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Re: Cheney Creek Bridge

Dear Chairman Bosco:

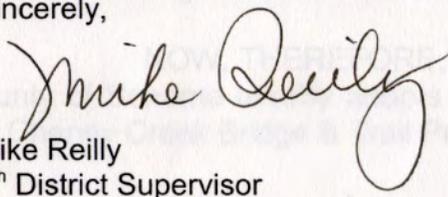
I am pleased to inform you that the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors approved the Cheney Creek Bridge & Trail Project at our May 1 meeting. Attached is our resolution. As Supervisor of this District, I offer my strong support for this project.

I have been working with the community and state agencies for over five years in planning safe pedestrian and bicycle routes parallel to Highway 1. The County partnered with the Bodega Bay community, Caltrans, and State Parks to develop a plan for Bodega Bay Bicycle and Pedestrian Trails. Cheney Creek Bridge will be the first project constructed from this plan.

Specifically, the Cheney Creek Bridge and Trail Improvements will connect two of the County's regional parks, Doran Beach and Birdwalk Coastal Access. Without the bridge, Cheney Creek is a barrier to those seeking a walking or riding alternative to Highway 1 and local roads.

Thank you for considering funding this important link in the California Coastal Trail. The County looks forward to starting construction this August with the approval of grant funding.

Sincerely,


Mike Reilly
5th District Supervisor

Attachment: Resolution 07-0361

cc: Deborah Hirst, State Coastal Conservancy
Elizabeth Tyree, Sonoma County Regional Parks

THE WITHIN INSTRUMENT IS A CORRECT COPY
OF THE ORIGINAL ON FILE IN THIS OFFICE.

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Resolution No.: 07-0361

ATTEST: **MAY 07 2007**

County Administration Building
Santa Rosa, California

ROBERT DEIS, Clerk of the Board of
Supervisors of the State of California, in & for
the County of Sonoma

BY *L. Stoddard* DEPUTY

Dated: May 1, 2007

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF
THE COUNTY OF SONOMA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA,
ADOPTING A MASTER PLAN AND MITIGATED
NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE CHENEY CREEK
BRIDGE & TRAIL PROJECT AND APPROVING THE
PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Sonoma County Regional Parks Department has prepared an Initial Study for the proposed Cheney Creek Bridge & Trail Project (Project); and

WHEREAS, the Initial Study was submitted to the Sonoma County Environmental Review Committee to make a determination regarding the type of document to be prepared; and

WHEREAS, on February 20, 2007 the Sonoma County Environmental Review Committee determined that a Mitigated Negative Declaration was the appropriate document pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); and

WHEREAS, the Sonoma County Regional Parks Department posted a Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Project for thirty (30) days at the County Clerk's office; submitted the Mitigated Negative Declaration to the State Clearinghouse, and notified the public that the document was available for public review as required by CEQA; and

WHEREAS, the comments received during the CEQA public review did not affect the conclusion that there are no potentially significant environmental effects; and

WHEREAS, the comments received during the CEQA public review were considered along with the Initial Study prior to project approval.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma hereby adopts the Master Plan and Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Cheney Creek Bridge & Trail Project and approves the Project.

Supervisors:

Kerns: absent Smith: aye Kelley: aye Reilly: aye Brown: aye

Ayes: 4 Noes: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 1

SO ORDERED.

Sonoma County Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee

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Bob Hasenick
Bernie Album
Nancy Rappolt
Vincent Hoagland (Chair)
Ken Cummings
Lou Salz
Bill Harrison
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May 10, 2007

Douglas Bosco
State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Re: Support for Cheney Creek Bicycle & Pedestrian Bridge

Dear Chairman Bosco,

The Sonoma County Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee (SCBPAC) strongly supports the Cheney Creek Bridge and Trail project that improves non-motorized access in Bodega Bay.

This project will improve one third of a mile of multi-use trail, including placing a bridge over Cheney Creek. The creek is currently a barrier to pedestrians and bicyclists traveling between Bird Walk Coastal Access and Doran Beach Regional Park. Annual visits to these two parks total over 330,000. At this time, people walking or riding between the parks must travel 1.3 miles along busy Highway 1 and local roads.

Cheney Creek Bridge will be the first project to be implemented from the 7.8 miles of trails and bicycle lanes identified in the Bodega Bay Bicycle and Pedestrian Trails Plan. This will be a welcome improvement for both visitors to and residents of Bodega Bay.

Thank you for considering funding for this important trail connection in Sonoma County.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Vincent Hoagland". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a stylized flourish at the end.

Vincent Hoagland
SCBPAC Chair

cc: Deborah Hirst, State Coastal Conservancy
Elizabeth Tyree, Sonoma County Regional Park