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April 24, 2007

Douglas Bosco, Chairman
State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612
Attn. Tom Gandesbery

Via FAX 510-286-3840

RE: East Bay Regional Park District's Funding Application

Dear Mr. Bosco:

I am writing in support of the East Bay Regional Park District's application to the California Coastal Conservancy, San Francisco Bay Program, for a \$1.5 million grant for the Phase III restoration of the Berkeley Meadow at Eastshore State Park.

The Berkeley Meadow, located within the City of Berkeley's shoreline, is a 72-acre Restoration Project and one of the major components of the Eastshore State Park General Plan. The 35.6 acre Phase III Project will restore or enhance about 10 to 15 acres of seasonal wetland, and create and enhance about 20 to 25 acres of coastal scrub, coastal prairie and other coastal upland habitats. Native wetland and upland plant vegetation will be planted and clean top soil will be deposited to create upland mounds and wetland depressions. These improvements will provide new habitat for many foraging and nesting bird populations, including shorebirds, raptors, and mallards historically found in this area.

I strongly support this application and urge the California Coastal Conservancy to give favorable consideration to this request for funding for the restoration of the Berkeley Meadow at Eastshore State. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

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LONI HANCOCK
Assemblywoman

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April 30, 2007

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State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612
Attn. Tom Grandesbery

Dear Mr. Bosco:

I would like to convey my support of the East Bay Regional Park District's application to the California Coastal Conservancy for the restoration of the Berkeley Meadow at Eastshore State Park.

The Berkeley Meadow Restoration Project at Eastshore State Park is located within the 72-acre Berkeley Meadow which is bounded by University Avenue on the south and Interstate 80 on the east. This grant seeks to fund the 35.6-acre Phase III restoration. Restoration of the Meadow is one of the major components of the Eastshore State Park General Plan.

The Phase III Project will restore or enhance about 10 to 15 acres of seasonal wetland, and create and enhance about 20 to 25 acres of coastal scrub, coastal prairie and other coastal upland habitats. The project will provide new habitat for many plants and animals, including shorebirds, raptors, and native plants that historically occurred in this area.

I strongly support this application and recommend the restoration of the Berkeley Meadow at Eastshore State Park to the California Coastal Conservancy.

Sincerely,

LONI HANCOCK
Assemblywoman

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San Francisco Bay Chapter

Reply to: 802 Balra Drive
El Cerrito, CA 94530

April 9, 2007

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

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Sincerely yours,

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Norman La Force, Chair,
East Bay Public Lands Committee

cc: East Bay Regional Park District



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Norman La Force, Chair,
East Bay Public Lands Committee

cc: East Bay Regional Park District



Citizens for East Shore Parks

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Douglas Bosco, Chair
State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, Suite 1100
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Chairman Bosco:

Citizens for East Shore Parks (CESP) strongly urges you to disburse up to \$1,472,000 of grant funds from the Wildlife Conservation Board to the East Bay Regional Park District to restore seasonal wetlands within an area commonly known as the 'Berkeley Meadow' and disburse up to \$120,000 to the California Department of Parks and Recreation for the planning and design of an area commonly known as the 'Brickyard', located at Eastshore State Park, City of Berkeley, along the shoreline of San Francisco Bay.

As you know, CESP worked for 20 years pushing for the creation of the East Shore State Park. We organized cities, the East Bay Regional Park District, California Dept. of Parks, numerous environmental and interest groups, and many thousands of individuals to join in the effort. Eventually we all together accomplished the acquisition of the Santa Fe Railroad shoreline properties, plus the dedication of the municipal and park district properties to form this wonderful 8.5 mile linear shoreline park, extending from the Bay Bridge on up into Richmond. On October 4, 2006, the 2002 acre Eastshore State Park was officially dedicated. The Coastal Conservancy played an important role in supporting the creation and development of the ESP.

The creation of the Eastshore State Park grew from the campaign to save San Francisco Bay from being filled, to protect habitat and to open the shoreline to the public. The Berkeley Meadow jump-started the whole effort. Alarmed by the plans to build a shoreline mall at The Meadow, and the general plans to fill San Francisco Bay, the movement burst onto the scene to protect our shorelines and our Bay. This movement grew to protecting the California coastline. Now we have the chance for wetland and upland habitat restoration in The Meadow, and to plan the Brickyard. This birthplace of one of the most important environmental movements in the Bay Area, perhaps California, can be forever honored and protected by your assistance now. We look to the Coastal Conservancy to help create a great legacy.

Sincerely,

Robert Cheasty
President

Supporting organizations include: Golden Gate Audubon Society—Sierra Club—Save the Bay—Oakland Waterfront Coalition—Berkeley Partners for Parks—California Native Plant Society—Ecology Center—Environmental Defense—Citizens Committee to Complete the Refuge—Friends of Aquatic Park—Oceanic Society—Regional Parks Association—Urban Creeks Council—CA State Parks Foundation—Citizens for the Albany Shoreline — Contra Costa Hills Club (Letterhead created by word processor)