

Exhibit 3: Letters of Support

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June 25, 2007

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Re: Milton Street Property Along Ballona Creek

Dear Mr. Bosco,

Ballona Creek Renaissance (BCR) enthusiastically encourages the Coastal Conservancy to authorize the allocation of \$100,000 to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) for project planning and design of a proposed 1.2-acre park at the recently acquired Milton Street property along the Ballona Creek in unincorporated Los Angeles County.

As you know, this important stretch of open space has been recognized as a key opportunity site by the conservancy, BCR, and others since our shared 1999 creek bicycle reconnaissance and follow-on conservancy-funded creek corridor studies. Its location next to Marina Del Rey Middle School offers excellent environmental education opportunities as well.

The development of a well-designed park at the Milton Street parcel has great potential to increase needed open space in Los Angeles County, enhance the health of the local ecosystem, help connect Ballona Creek with the Baldwin Hills both for people and wildlife, provide a recreational amenity, and incorporate interpretive elements to heighten awareness of area resources. Although the project may be small in size, its potential value as a model and "outdoor classroom" is large.

Among other things, the proposed park's significant location will provide an opportunity to implement storm water best management practices and provide access to the bicycle/pedestrian path. The path currently serves to connect workplace and recreation destinations, such as the creek, schools, libraries, business offices, and other area parks. Furthermore, the park will be available to area schools to support and demonstrate related curriculum.

For years, BCR, area residents and other stakeholders have been interested in this unused property. Working together, the MRCA and Baldwin Hills Conservancy have been able to secure its acquisition and set in motion the development of an important amenity to local and regional residents. BCR appreciates the Coastal Conservancy's long-time interest and investment in the renewal of Ballona Creek and encourages your critical support of this worthy planning and design project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Jim Lamm'.

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Re: SUPPORT SCC grant to MRCA for Milton Street planning and design

Dear Mr. Bosco,

I am writing to support the Coastal Conservancy authorizing \$100,000 to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) for project planning and design of a proposed 1.2-acre park at the recently acquired Milton Street property along the Ballona Creek in unincorporated Los Angeles County. We also hope that this financial support will help MRCA quality for implementation funding as it becomes available.

A park at the site provides obvious benefits such as additional bike/pedestrian path access, passive recreation and education/interpretive opportunities (especially given the proximity to the school across the street). Additionally, my organization supports the application of "green infrastructure" principles to this site where possible such as storm water capture, (natural) treatment and reuse.

For years, I have walked by the site on my way to the wetlands. This is a jewel in the necklace we hope to see created along the Ballona Creek. Thanks in advance for SCC's support.

Sincerely,

Paul Herzog, President

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July 2, 2007

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Dear Chairman,

The Baldwin Hills Conservancy (BHC) extends its support for agenda item 8(b), the proposed grant to the Mountains and Recreation Conservation Authority (MRCA) for project planning and design of the recently purchased 1.2-acre Milton Street property located on the Ballona Creek.

Working with local partners, our agency successfully leveraged \$850,000 in BHC Prop 40 funds through a match with Los Angeles County Prop 12 funds to help secure this unique site for public use. With proper planning and outreach, this site could include interpretive components to teach best management practices for storm water run off, promote adaptive re-use of the flood channel as a recreational resource, and protect native wildlife and habitat in the region.

This past weekend, our commitment to the Milton Street site was further reinforced when the BHC's Governing Board unanimously approved resolution 07-13, authorizing a match of \$75,000 for project planning and design on the Milton site to help complete this important phase of the design process. The successful development of the Milton Street parcel is essential to building the momentum for future projects along the creek. Ultimately, these small interpretive zones and access points will serve to connect the upper and lower watershed providing greater awareness of both the natural and developed resources stretching four miles from the Santa Monica Bay to the Baldwin Hills Parklands.

We urge the Coastal Conservancy to continue its valued contribution of expertise and resources in the Ballona Creek watershed. We also look forward to future collaborations that will help move the Ballona Creek towards its place as a regional destination for visitors from throughout the state.

Sincerely,



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