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November 15, 2007

Mr. Doug Bosco, Chairman
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, Suite 1300
Oakland, CA 94612

Attention: Bob Theil

Re: Corral Canyon acquisitions, File # 07-098-01

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I am writing to express my strong support for the acquisition of properties in the Santa Monica Mountains, in Corral Canyon, which would connect the Backbone Trail to the Beach. These areas have long been a high priority for parkland agencies because they contain pristine resources and would also provide trail connections for public recreational opportunities.

Their location, adjacent to already-held public lands, where investments of public funds have already identified the area as worthy of protection, adds another layer of value to their acquisition. In addition, their importance as a wildlife corridor for the mountain lion, bobcat and deer populations that are known to inhabit the Santa Monica Mountains is an added impetus for their protection.

Finally, the acquisition of these properties would serve to enhance the water quality of the coastal waters and the Santa Monica Bay and the beaches north of it, as the Rancho Corral property lies along both sides of Corral Creek which flows from its headwaters in Malibu Creek State Park to its mouth at Dan Blocker State Beach.

For all these reasons, we have to find a way to protect these outstanding resources in an area that is in great demand for urban development. If we don't act quickly, they will be lost. Thank you for consideration of my full and complete support for their acquisition.

Sincerely,

SHEILA JAMES KUEHL
Senator, 23rd District

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November 16, 2007

Mr. Doug Bosco, Chair
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fax: (510) 286-0470

Re: Support for Corral Canyon Properties Acquisition

Dear Mr. Bosco,

California State Parks strongly supports the acquisition of the Corral Canyon properties, including both the Rancho Corral and the Corral Canyon North.

The Corral Canyon North property is an important opportunity, in-fill property to Malibu Creek State Park, and staff of State Parks is working to acquire this important addition to Malibu Creek State Park.

In addition, staff of DPR strongly supports the acquisition of the adjacent Rancho Corral property. Combined with the adjacent Rancho Corral property, the acquisition of the Corral Canyon North property would protect the pristine and fragile Corral Creek watershed, which drains to north Santa Monica Bay.

The acquisition of the Rancho Corral property will preserve critical ecological functions supporting the restoration of Santa Monica Bay and preserve habitat connections to other publicly owned properties in the Santa Monica Mountains. The area encompassed within Rancho Corral remains in near pristine condition and contains important riparian and wetlands ecosystem functions, as well as essential wildlife linkages for deer, bobcat and mountain lion.

Sincerely,

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Ron P. Schafer, District Superintendent
Angeles District

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Mr. Doug Bosco
Chair, State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, Suite 1100,
Oakland, CA 94612

Re: Acquisition of Corral Canyon Properties to Support Santa Monica Bay Restoration

Dear Mr. Bosco:

I am writing to express the Santa Monica Baykeeper's strong support for the acquisition of the Rancho Corral and Corral Canyon North properties within Corral Canyon in the Santa Monica Mountains. These parcels are the top priorities for preservation in the Santa Monica Mountains because of their important location within the North Santa Monica Bay watersheds, their critical ecological functions supporting the restoration of Santa Monica Bay and their connection to other publicly owned properties in the Santa Monica Mountains. The acquisition of these parcels will provide multiple benefits to recreational users, coastal and bay water quality along the public beaches of north Santa Monica Bay, and wildlife throughout the Santa Monica Mountains. These areas remain in near-pristine condition and contain important riparian and wetland ecosystem functions, as well as essential wildlife habitat linkages for deer, bobcat, and mountain lion.

The coastal streams in this area have remained relatively undeveloped and have outstanding water quality which supports California newts, a species of special concern, and have the appropriate habitat to support the federally endangered red legged frog, steelhead trout, and southwestern pond turtle. The acquisition of these parcels will permanently protect the Corral Canyon watershed against increased impervious surfaces and additional septic systems in an area that is fast becoming overburdened. Previous studies in the Santa Monica Mountains have documented substantial degradation to biological communities and water quality when impervious surfaces reach levels as low as 4% and with septic systems that are improperly maintained. Preventing impervious surfaces and increased septic systems will permanently protect water quality in these areas and keep Corral Canyon Creek one of the most pristine and ecologically functioning creeks in the Santa Monica Mountains, directly benefiting the nearshore water quality along several public beaches within the coastal littoral cell, including importantly Surfrider beach.

Corral Canyon is under intense development pressures because of its beauty and proximity to the incredible beaches within the City of Malibu. Corral Canyon drains directly to Corral Beach one of the few remaining beaches that has free parking and serves diverse recreational communities. The acquisition of Corral Canyon and Rancho Corral would provide a connection from the Coast Trail to the Backbone Trail offering hikers and equestrians the opportunity to have an outstanding outdoor recreational experience from the mountains to the sea.

Thank you so much for your ongoing efforts to preserve and protect these precious resources for the present and for the future. Their acquisition will secure billions of dollars of previous investments to protect the ecological function and recreational resources in the Santa Monica Mountains and within the watersheds of north Santa Monica Bay for all times. We urge you to pursue funding options to make this acquisition come to fruition.

Sincerely,

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Mark Abramson
Director of Watershed Programs

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United States Department of the Interior

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Mr. Doug Bosco
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, Suite 1300
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

Dear Mr. Bosco:

The National Park Service strongly supports public acquisition of properties in Corral Canyon – including the Rancho Corral property.

The acquisition of the Rancho Corral property will preserve critical ecological functions supporting the restoration of Santa Monica Bay and preserve habitat connections to other publicly owned properties in the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area. The area encompassed within Rancho Corral remains in near pristine condition and contains important riparian and wetlands ecosystem functions, as well as essential wildlife linkages for deer, bobcat and mountain lion.

Finally, the acquisition of the Corral Canyon properties will also provide an important connection from the Backbone Trail to Santa Monica Bay, offering outstanding recreational improvements linking the mountains and the sea.

Thank you for the opportunity to present our support. Please feel free to call me at (805) 370-2344 if you have questions.

Sincerely,

Woody Smeck
Superintendent

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November 21, 2007

Mr. Doug Bosco, Chair
Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, Suite 1300
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Bosco:

I am writing in support of the acquisition of the Corral Canyon properties located in the Santa Monica Mountains Recreation Area.

The Santa Monica Mountains Coastal Zone Plan is currently pending before the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors (BOS). The draft document was unanimously approved at the BOS on October 30, 2007. The proposed plan identifies Rancho Corral as including Environmentally Sensitive Habitat Areas. These pristine areas contain important riparian and wetlands ecosystem functions, as well as essential wildlife linkages for deer, bobcat and mountain lion.

Rancho Corral contains a vital section of the Coastal Slope Trail. One of my highest priorities in the Santa Monica Mountains is the completion of the Coastal Slope Trail land providing linkages to other trails identified in the County's Master Trail Plan. We have provided funding from Proposition A (1992 and 1996) and other funding sources to acquire properties for the Coastal Slope Trail.

Again, I fully support the acquisition of the Corral Canyon properties.

Sincerely,

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ZEV YAROSLAVSKY
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HENRY A. WAXMAN
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November 15, 2007

Mr. Doug Bosco
Coastal Conservancy
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Oakland, California 94612-2530

Dear Mr. Bosco:

I am pleased to express my support for the acquisition of the Corral Canyon properties in the Santa Monica Mountains. This acquisition would include Rancho Corral Canyon, which would provide invaluable connectivity and public access between the ocean and Malibu Creek State Park.

The Corral Canyon properties have been a top priority for preservation in the Santa Monica Mountains because of their important location and their critical ecological function supporting the restoration of Santa Monica Bay.

These properties are largely undisturbed and this is a rare opportunity to acquire and preserve these critical habitats and keep them intact. They are among a diminishing number of properties that remain in near pristine condition, in addition to their considerable importance as riparian and related wetlands habitat.

The acquisition of this property will permanently protect Corral Canyon against poor water quality as well as provide wonderful recreational opportunities for visitors to the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area.

Thank you for allowing me to lend my support to this important acquisition.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely,



HENRY A. WAXMAN
Member of Congress

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November 16, 2007

Douglas Bosco
Chairperson
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1330 Broadway, Suite 1300
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Support for Acquisition of Rancho Corral, Los Angeles County

Dear Chairperson Bosco:

The Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy (SMMC) strongly supports the acquisition and preservation of the Rancho Corral properties. We urge the California Coastal Conservancy to allocate funding for this important acquisition. Our agency has also committed to fund a portion of the acquisition.

Corral Canyon, draining to Santa Monica Bay, is the last remaining coastal canyon in the Los Angeles County portion of the Santa Monica Mountains, with a contiguous band of natural land from the ocean to the crest of the range. This unique canyon encompasses Malibu Creek State Park in its headwaters and Dan Blocker State Beach at the mouth of Corral Creek. These properties have been on the SMMC's Land Acquisition Workprogram for many years, and our agency and many others have been actively involved in trying to protect these properties. Acquisition of the subject properties would promote an uninterrupted connection of coastal habitat between State Park properties to the north, and SMMC-owned Corral Canyon Park to the south and it would promote connections to other public parkland in the vicinity. It would also facilitate the implementation of the regional Coastal Slope Trail.

Again, the SMMC strongly supports the funding for acquisition of the Rancho Corral properties. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (310) 589-3200, ext. 110 or by email at edmiston@smmc.ca.gov, or contact Paul Edelman, Deputy Director for Natural Resources and Planning at the same phone number, ext. 128 or by email at edelman@smmc.ca.gov. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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JOSEPH T. EDMISTON, FAICP, Hon. ASLA

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November 16, 2007

Douglas Bosco
Chairperson
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, Suite 1300
Oakland, California 94612

Support for Acquisition of Rancho Corral Properties

Dear Chairperson Bosco:

The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) strongly supports the acquisition and preservation of the Rancho Corral properties. We urge the California Coastal Conservancy to allocate funding for this important acquisition.

Corral Canyon, draining to Santa Monica Bay, is the last remaining coastal canyon in the Los Angeles County portion of the Santa Monica Mountains, with a contiguous band of natural land from the ocean to the crest of the range. This unique canyon encompasses Malibu Creek State Park in its headwaters and Dan Blocker State Beach at the mouth of Corral Creek. Many agencies and individuals have been actively involved in trying to protect these properties. Acquisition of the subject properties would promote an uninterrupted connection of coastal habitat between State Park properties to the north, and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy-owned Corral Canyon Park to the south and it would promote connections to other public parkland in the vicinity. It would also facilitate the implementation of the regional Coastal Slope Trail.

The MRCA strongly supports the funding for acquisition of the Rancho Corral properties. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (310) 589-3230, ext. 112 or by email at skei@smmc.ca.gov. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Rorie Skei
Chief Deputy Executive Officer



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November 7, 2007

Mr. Doug Bosco, Chair
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RE: Corral Canyon Acquisitions

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I am writing to express Heal the Bay's strong support for the acquisition of the Corral Canyon properties within the Santa Monica Mountains, including importantly Rancho Corral. The Corral Canyon properties are a top priority for preservation in the Santa Monica Mountains because of their important location, their critical ecological function supporting the restoration of Santa Monica Bay, and their connection to other publicly owned properties in the Santa Monica Mountains.

The acquisition of these parcels will provide multiple benefits to recreational users, coastal and bay water quality along the public beaches of north Santa Monica Bay, and wildlife throughout the Santa Monica Mountains. These areas remain in near-pristine condition and contain important riparian ecosystem functions, as well as essential wildlife habitat linkages for deer, bobcat, and mountain lion.

Acquiring these keystone properties will prevent additional urban development in this portion of the Santa Monica Mountains and permanently protect water quality in these areas by keeping Corral Canyon Creek one of the most pristine and ecologically functioning creeks in the Santa Monica Mountains. It will also provide direct benefits to the nearshore water quality along several public beaches within the coastal littoral cell, including importantly Surfrider beach.

The acquisition of the Corral Canyon properties, both Corral Canyon North and Rancho Corral, would also improve access by connecting the Coast Trail to the Backbone Trail, thereby providing recreational users the opportunity to have an outstanding outdoor recreational experience from the Santa Monica Mountains to Santa Monica Bay and the Pacific Ocean.

Sincerely,

Mark Gold, D. Env.
President

Cc: Bob Thiel
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