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December 5, 2007

Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chairman  
Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Bosco:

I am writing to express my support for the acquisition of two parcels on the Quail Ridge Peninsula at Lake Berryessa for incorporation into the University of California's adjacent Quail Ridge Reserve. The Reserve serves as a laboratory for basic science and for applied management techniques, and as an outdoor classroom in a number of disciplines.

The 120-acre northeastern parcel will provide high-quality habitat for ecological studies and allow for the expansion of a state-of-the-art wireless mesh network already in place on the Reserve. Purchase of this parcel will help ensure that the Reserve has an effective buffer from development that is advancing rapidly along the Inner Coast Range of California. The southern parcel will provide needed facilities for onsite staff and researcher housing, and will protect an additional 40 acres of diverse, native habitats. Acquisition of this parcel would eliminate the need for costly construction elsewhere in the reserve.

Taken together, these two properties will add outstanding capacities at the Quail Ridge Reserve for the generation and dissemination of basic and applied research, teaching, and sound management of natural resources. Important public benefit is maintained because the Lake Berryessa-Putah Creek Corridor is a gateway to natural landscapes and outdoor recreation for many of the rapidly growing communities in the nearby Central Valley.

The Quail Ridge Peninsula remains one of the most isolated, least developed, and visually appealing ridges in this heavily used area. Incorporation of these parcels into the Natural Reserve System will contribute to the maintenance of the wildland aspect of the region, and to the conservation of native communities and habitats.

Sincerely,

MIKE THOMPSON  
Member of Congress

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December 12, 2007

Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chairman  
Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612.

Dear Mr. Bosco,

I am pleased to submit this letter in support of the acquisition of two parcels on the Quail Ridge Peninsula of Lake Berryessa for incorporation into the University of California's adjacent Quail Ridge Reserve. The Reserve serves as a laboratory for basic science and for applied management techniques, and as an outdoor classroom in a number of disciplines. The acquisition of these two adjacent properties will add habitat to the reserve will preserve the integrity of well-used wildlife corridors, and will protect these lands from development, while maintaining their use for research and class activities consistent with the mission of the Natural Reserve System.

The acquisition of the 120-acre northeastern parcel will provide a large area of high-quality habitat for ecological studies, as well as an essential new area for expansion of the state-of-the-art wireless mesh network already in place on the Reserve. Purchase of the parcel will also help ensure that the Reserve has an effective buffer from development that is currently advancing at a rapid pace in this area of the Inner Coast Range of California.

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Sincerely,

PATRICIA WIGGINS  
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Cc: Jason Murphy  
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December 10, 2007

Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chairman  
Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612.

**Subject: Support of Acquisition of Quail Ridge Peninsula Parcels**

Dear Mr. Bosco:

I am pleased to submit to you this letter in support of the acquisition of two parcels on the Quail Ridge Peninsula of Lake Berryessa for incorporation into the University of California's adjacent Quail Ridge Reserve. The Reserve serves as a laboratory for basic science and for applied management techniques, and as an outdoor classroom in a number of disciplines. The acquisition of these two adjacent properties will add habitat to the reserve (excellent stands of native grasses and oaks, in particular), will preserve the integrity of well-used wildlife corridors, and will protect these lands from development, while maintaining their use for research and class activities consistent with the mission of the Natural Reserve System.

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December 10, 2007  
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With these facts in mind, I'm pleased to support UC Davis and the Quail Ridge Reserve in these acquisitions.

Sincerely,



**DARRELL STEINBERG**  
Chair, Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee  
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Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chairman  
Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612  
By Facsimile (510)286-0470

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I urge your support for a \$500,000 grant to help facilitate the acquisition of two parcels on the Quail Ridge Peninsula of Lake Berryessa for incorporation into the University of California's adjacent Quail Ridge Reserve.

The Reserve serves as a laboratory for basic science and for applied natural resource management techniques, and as an outdoor classroom in a number of disciplines. The acquisition of these two adjacent properties will add habitat to the reserve, preserve the integrity of well-used wildlife corridors, and will protect these lands from development.

Acquisition of the northeastern parcel will provide a large area of high-quality habitat for ecological studies, as well as an essential new area for expansion of the state-of-the-art wireless mesh network already in place on the Reserve. It will also provide the Reserve with an effective buffer from development that is currently advancing at a rapid pace in this area.

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The Quail Ridge Peninsula remains one of the most isolated, least developed, and visually appealing ridges in this area used so heavily by the public. Incorporation of these parcels into the Reserve will contribute to the maintenance of the wildland aspect of the region, and to the conservation of native communities and habitats.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours very truly,

NOREEN EVANS  
Assemblymember 7<sup>th</sup> District

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cc: Jason W. Murphy, UC Davis



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December 3, 2007

Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chairman  
Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612.

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I am pleased to submit to you this letter in support of the acquisition of two parcels on the Quail Ridge Peninsula of Lake Berryessa for incorporation into the University of California's adjacent Quail Ridge Reserve. The Reserve serves as a laboratory for basic science and for applied management techniques, and as an outdoor classroom in a number of disciplines. The acquisition of these two adjacent properties will add habitat to the reserve (excellent stands of native grasses and oaks, in particular), will preserve the integrity of well-used wildlife corridors, and will protect these lands from development, while maintaining their use for research and class activities consistent with the mission of the Natural Reserve System.

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Sincerely,



LOIS WOLK  
Assemblymember, District 8

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Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Oakland, California 94612

Subject: Quail Ridge Peninsula

Dear Mr. Bosco,

I am pleased to submit to you this letter in support of the acquisition of two parcels on the Quail Ridge Peninsula of Lake Berryessa for incorporation into the University of California's Quail Ridge Reserve. The Reserve serves as a laboratory for basic science and for applied management techniques, and as an outdoor classroom in a number of disciplines. The acquisition of the two adjacent properties will add excellent habitat to the reserve, particularly excellent stands of native grasses and oaks. It will preserve the integrity of well-used wildlife corridors, and will protect the lands from development, while maintaining their use for research and class activities consistent with the mission of the Natural Reserve System.

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The southern parcel will provide the Reserve with much-needed facilities for onsite staff and researcher housing and will protect an additional 40 acres of diverse, native habitats. Development of much-needed facilities on other portions of the reserve would be costly and much less environmentally benign.

Taken together, these two properties will add exciting new capacities at the Quail Ridge Reserve for generation and dissemination of basic and applied research, teaching, and sound management of natural resources.

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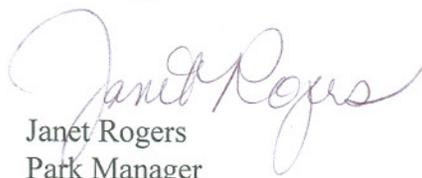
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The public interest is advanced as well through these acquisitions. The area around Lake Berryessa and the Putah Creek Corridor serves as a gateway to natural landscapes and outdoor recreation for many of the rapidly growing communities in the nearby Central Valley. The Quail Ridge Peninsula remains one of the most isolated, least developed, and visually appealing ridges in this heavily used (and rapidly developing) area. Incorporation of these parcels into the Natural Reserve System will contribute to the maintenance of the wildland aspect of the region, and to the conservation of native communities and habitats.

With these facts in mind, I hope you will assist the Natural Reserve System in these acquisitions. If you have any questions, please contact Melissa Brockman, Natural Resource Specialist, at (707) 966-2111 extension 103.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "Janet Rogers". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Janet" and last name "Rogers" clearly legible.

Janet Rogers  
Park Manager

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December 10, 2007

Douglas Bosco  
Chair of the Conservancy  
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Oakland, CA 94612.

Dear Chairperson Bosco,

On behalf of the BLM, I want to express my support of the land acquisitions proposed by the University of California, Davis for the Quail Ridge Reserve. BLM has been a formal cooperative partner at Quail Ridge since 1991. Our management partnership provides the agency much needed data and research for the flora, fauna, and the effects of human impacts to the chaparral ecosystems of northern California. A Quail Ridge Reserve five year management plan was developed and implemented in 1995. The BLM lands are still being managed under the existing plan and cooperative agreement.

BLM owns approximately 519 acres within the reserve. In addition to research, these public lands hold value as wildlife habitat, open space, and visual aesthetics for Lake Berryessa. We see these new land acquisitions as crucial to the existing cooperative management plan. As shown on past projects through this partnership, our working together toward the same goal far exceeds the capabilities of any individual effort. These acquisitions will go a long way in preserving our partnership goals.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration of the University of California, Davis's grant proposal. If you have any questions regarding our support and involvement feel free to contact me at the above address or telephone number.

Sincerely,

Rich Burns  
Field Manager

State of California  
Department of Fish and Game



## Memorandum

To: Douglas Bosco, Chair  
State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612

Date: December 12, 2007

From: Charles Armor, Regional Manager   
Department of Fish and Game, Bay Delta Region, Post Office Box 47, Yountville, CA 94599

Subject: Support of Acquisition of Two Parcels on the Quail Ridge Peninsula, Lake Berryessa, Napa County

This memorandum is in support of the acquisition of two parcels on the Quail Ridge Peninsula of Lake Berryessa for incorporation into the University of California's Quail Ridge Reserve. The Reserve serves as a laboratory for basic science and applied management techniques, and as an outdoor classroom in a number of disciplines. Both parcels contain excellent stands of native grasses and oaks. As neighboring land managers, the Department of Fish and Game (Department) has admired the land stewardship exhibited by the UC Reserve staff.

The northeastern parcel in question will provide a large area of high-quality habitat for ecological studies, as well as an essential new area for expansion of the ground-breaking wireless mesh network already in place on the Reserve. Purchase of the parcel will also help ensure that the Reserve will remain isolated from ex-urban development that is currently advancing at a rapid pace in this area of the Inner Coast Range of California.

The southern parcel will provide the Reserve with much-needed facilities for onsite staff and researcher housing and will protect an additional 40 acres of native habitats. Development of these facilities on other portions of the Reserve would be costly and have a more significant impact on the environment.

Taken together, these two properties will add exciting new capacities at Quail Ridge Reserve for generation and dissemination of basic and applied research, teaching, and sound management of natural resources.

With these facts in mind, it is the Department's hope you will assist the Natural Reserve System in these acquisitions. If you have any questions, please contact David Feliz, Senior Wildlife Biologist, at (530) 757-2431.



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707-265-9205

November 5, 2007

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

On behalf of the Blue Ridge Berryessa Natural Area (BRBNA) Conservation Partnership, I would like to express support for the acquisition of two parcels on the Quail Ridge Peninsula of Lake Berryessa for incorporation into the University of California's Quail Ridge Reserve. The U.C. Natural Reserve System was an original founding member of the Partnership and has contributed significantly to landscape-wide conservation by protecting key natural areas and by carrying out locally relevant scientific research, testing management tools, and providing education programs. The Quail Ridge Reserve, along with others in the region, comprises some of the best managed and most biologically diverse land of the BRBNA. The acquisition of the two adjacent properties is consistent with long-term land conservation objectives for the region and will add important habitat to the reserve – native grasses, oak woodland and wildlife corridors – as well as increased opportunities for research and class activities.

The 120-acre northeastern parcel contains exceptionally high-quality habitat for ecological studies and also provides space for expansion of the Reserve's wireless mesh network. This area also will also serve as an important buffer from encroaching housing development. The southern parcel will allow the Reserve to provide needed research facilities and protect key habitat. We believe both of these acquisitions will ensure greater integrity and usefulness of the Reserve as a whole.

The Partnership hopes that you will support the Natural Reserve System in these acquisitions. They will not only advance the protection of important lands within the BRBNA but also serve the interests of the citizens of California through opportunities to enjoy and learn from them.

*The BRBNA encompasses over 750,000 acres of wild, coast range lands that extend southward from the Mendocino National Forest to Highway 80 in Solano County. The region includes the Putah and Cache Creek watersheds, both tributaries within the Sacramento River hydrologic basin. The BRBNA Conservation Partnership is a collaborative group of public agencies, landowners, and non-profit organizations working together to conserve the natural and working land resources of the BRBNA.*

Sincerely,



Suzanne Easton, Director

**Putah Creek Discovery Corridor Cooperative**

*Coming together to inspire appreciation and respect for the diverse resources  
of the Putah Creek Corridor through coordinated public outreach and learning opportunities.*

November 19, 2007

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

Dear Mr. Bosco,

I am writing on behalf of the Putah Creek Discovery Corridor (PCDC) Cooperative, a consensus-based, member-led partnership of outreach stakeholders committed to providing high quality, coordinated public outreach and education to promote stewardship of the lower Putah Creek watershed. Our members include: the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, Solano Irrigation District, Solano County Water Agency, Solano County Parks, Solano Resource Conservation District, Solano Land Trust, Yolo County Parks, Lower Putah Creek Coordinating Committee, City of Winters, Center for Land-based Learning, Putah Creek Council, California Department of Fish and Game, Blue Ridge-Berryessa Natural Area Conservation Partnership, University of California Davis, and private rural landowners.

The PCDC Cooperative supports the University of California Natural Reserve System's proposal to secure funds for the purchase of two additional properties at the Quail Ridge Reserve. This purchase would allow the UC NRS to continue research and teaching missions at Quail Ridge Reserve that enhance the regional understanding on which PCDC Cooperative member agencies and nonprofits rely when developing outreach programs for adjacent public lands. In addition, by preserving a large, restricted-access reserve of Quail Ridge, the UC NRS can continue to make the nearby Stebbins Cold Canyon Reserve one of only two reserves it makes available to the public. Public outreach programming at Stebbins Cold Canyon is both a beneficiary of and a vital contributor to the PCDC Cooperative's collaborative outreach along Putah Creek. By protecting the future of Quail Ridge, this proposed purchase would have the effect of protecting public access and outreach programming at Stebbins Cold Canyon Reserve, which is indispensable to the collaborative work of the PCDC Cooperative.

The PCDC Cooperative respectfully encourages the Coastal Conservancy to fund the UC Natural Reserve System proposal to purchase two additional properties at the Quail Ridge Reserve.

Sincerely,



Margaret Kralovec  
PCDC Cooperative Coordinator  
5189 Putah Creek Road  
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cc: PCDC Cooperative Steering Committee:

Joyce Gutstein, Director, PSRP, UC Davis John Muir Institute for the Environment  
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