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April 28, 2008

Douglas Bosco, Chairman
State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
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Attn: Moira McEnespy
California State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, Suite 1100
Oakland, CA 94612

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Through this letter I respectfully request the California Coastal Conservancy give favorable consideration to the Muir Heritage Land Trust's application for funding.

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 Oakland, CA 94612

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 MARK DESAULNIER



Exhibit 6: Letters of Support

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April 1, 2008

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1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
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Thank you for your consideration of this grant request.

Sincerely,

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May 14, 2008

Douglas Bosco, Chairman
San Francisco Bay Program
State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Re: State Coastal Conservancy Grant Proposal

Dear Douglas Bosco, Chairman:

On behalf of the East Bay Regional Park District, I am writing in support of the grant request to the State Coastal Conservancy to fund the Fernandez Ranch Restoration and Public Access Project on a historic ranch in Contra Costa County recently acquired by the Muir Heritage Land Trust.

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The East Bay Regional Park District has assisted with this project to date by supporting the acquisition of the property, visiting the site to evaluate trail alignments and public access plans and reviewing and commenting on planning documents. Additionally, the Park District will take title to 50% of the largest parcel that comprises the Fernandez Ranch, to satisfy a grant requirement of NOAA.

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Thank you for your consideration of this grant request.

Sincerely,

Pat O'Brien
by Rosemary J. Cameron, Acting General Manager

Pat O'Brien, General Manager
East Bay Regional Park District

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Douglas Bosco, Chairman

Attn: Michelle Jespersen

State Coastal Conservancy

1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

April 30, 2008

Dear Chairman Bosco,

The Bay Area Ridge Trail Council (BARTC) is pleased to serve in partnership with the Coastal Conservancy, assisting with a competitive grant program offering State funds for acquisition, planning leading to construction, and construction of the Bay Area Ridge Trail. We are creating an uninterrupted 550+ mile multi-use path on the ridgelines around San Francisco Bay and over 310 miles are now dedicated for public enjoyment.

In February 2007, the BARTC Executive Committee, acting on behalf of the BARTC Board of Directors, endorsed a grant request from the Muir Heritage Land Trust (MHLT) in an amount up to \$150,000 to help fund construction of a staging area and trail on Fernandez Ranch, in Contra Costa County. This grant would be matched by direct monetary contributions totaling approximately \$396,000 from MHLT and other sources. Upon completion of the staging area (scheduled for November 2009), a 1.4-mile segment of the Ridge Trail would be opened to the public for the first time. This segment will connect directly with 7.5 miles of recently completed Ridge Trail on the East Bay Municipal Utility District's Pinole Watershed to provide extensive hiking and riding opportunities in the region.

On behalf of the Ridge Trail Council, our members, Bay Area residents and visitors, we appreciate the Conservancy's partnership and continued support and commitment to public access and open space protection.

Sincerely,

Janet McBride

Janet McBride, Executive Director
Bay Area Ridge Trail Council

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March 28, 2008

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State Coastal Conservancy
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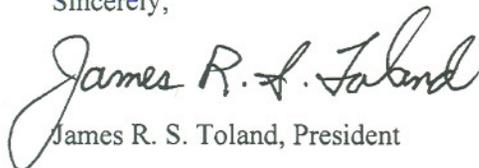
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James R. S. Toland, President



April 2, 2008

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San Francisco Bay Program
State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Re: State Coastal Conservancy Grant Proposal

Dear Mr. Bosco: On behalf of Contra Costa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, I am writing in support of the grant request to the State Coastal Conservancy to fund the *Fernandez Ranch Restoration and Public Access Project* on a historic ranch in Contra Costa County recently acquired by the Muir Heritage Land Trust.

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The Contra Costa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District has participated directly in some of the planning sessions to advance this project and supports the efforts of the Muir Heritage Land Trust. Implementing this project will reduce sediment load, improve water quality, and benefit the entire watershed. The Contra Costa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District is working with MHLT and the Resource Conservation District to secure additional funding and staff support toward the development of a Watershed Plan for the entire Rodeo Watershed, in conjunction with this restoration project.

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R. Mitch Avalon
Deputy Chief Engineer
Contra Costa County Flood Control
& Water Conservation District

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c: Greg Connaughton, Flood Control
Beth Pardieck, Stewardship Manager
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Joseph A. Ovick, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools

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Education of local youth will be woven into the implementation of this project wherever possible. MHLT and the Contra Costa County Office of Education have already implemented a partnership through the Regional Occupational Program (ROP). This career training and job skills program is an excellent method to educate local youth in environmental issues and train them through this habitat restoration project. The Contra Costa County Office of Education looks forward to continuing this partnership with MHLT and increasing environmental education throughout the County through the Fernandez Ranch project.

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