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May 19, 2008

Douglas Bosco, Chairman
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94162

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I am writing to express my support for the request to the Coastal Conservancy Board of \$3 million in grant funds to the Peninsula Open Space Trust (POST) to construct and operate a new three-mile blufftop segment of the California Coastal Trail (CCT) on the San Mateo County coast below Half Moon Bay. The proposed Cowell Ranch-Purisima Farms Coastal Trail was identified as a priority in the Conservancy's 2003 "Completing the California Coastal Trail Report," and I urge you and your board to approve the grant funds to construct and manage this majestic new trail.

Opportunities to construct such a long new segment of the CCT are rare, and I encourage your board to take advantage of it. POST has been the Coastal Conservancy's primary land trust in my district protecting significant coastal landscapes for natural resource protection, preservation of agriculture, and public recreation, and I know they will be an ideal partner to receive the requested grant funds and manage this project.

Congratulations to the Coastal Conservancy and its partners at POST for doing all that you have done, and continue to do, to protect San Mateo County's unique coastal open spaces and farmland for this and future generations. I am proud to be an advocate for the work that you do, and I know that my constituents enjoy the benefits of your hard work, and will look forward to hiking this new Coastal Trail in the years ahead.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Leland Yee".

SENATOR LELAND Y. YEE, PH.D.
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May 16, 2008

Mr. Doug Bosco, Chair
State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, Ste. 1300
Oakland, Ca 94612

Re: Proposed Coastal Conservancy grant to the Peninsula Open Space Trust for Coastal Trail project in San Mateo County.

Dear Mr. Bosco:

This letter will express my support for a request to the Coastal Conservancy Board of close to \$3 million in grant funds to the Peninsula Open Space Trust (POST) to construct and operate a new three-mile blufftop segment of the California Coastal Trail (CCT) on the San Mateo County coast below Half Moon Bay. I understand the proposed Cowell Ranch-Purisima Farms Coastal Trail is identified as a priority in the Conservancy's 2003 "Completing the California Coastal Trail Report", and I urge you and your board to approve the grant funds to construct and manage this incredible new trail.

Opportunities to construct such a long new segment of the CCT are rare, and I encourage your board to take advantage of it. POST has been the Coastal Conservancy's primary land trust in my district protecting significant coastal landscapes for natural resource protection, preservation of agriculture, and public recreation, and I know they will be an ideal partner to receive the requested grant funds and manage this project.

Congratulations to the Coastal Conservancy and its partners at POST for doing all that you have done- and continue to do- to protect San Mateo County's unique coastal open spaces and farmland for this and future generations. I have been a strong advocate for the work that you do, and I know that my constituents enjoy the benefits of your hard work, and will look forward to hiking this new Coastal Trail in the years ahead.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gene Mullin".

Gene Mullin
ASSEMBLYMEMBER, 19th District

Regional Open Space

May 15, 2008

MIDPENINSULA REGIONAL OPEN SPACE DISTRICT

Mr. Doug Bosco, Chair
State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, Ste. 1300
Oakland, Ca 94612

Re: Proposed Coastal Conservancy Grant to the Peninsula Open Space Trust for the Cowell Ranch-Purisima Farms Coastal Trail Project in San Mateo County

Dear Mr. Bosco:

On behalf of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District (MROSD), I am writing to express our support for Peninsula Open Space Trust's request to the State Coastal Conservancy (Conservancy) for grant funds to construct and operate a new three-mile bluff top segment of the California Coastal Trail on the San Mateo County coast south of Half Moon Bay. I believe the Peninsula Open Space Trust (POST) will serve as an excellent interim owner and operator of the proposed new trail.

I understand that the Conservancy's 2003 "Completing the California Coastal Trail Report" places a high priority on the proposed Cowell Ranch-Purisima Farms Coastal Trail segment. I encourage the Conservancy to commit the resources needed to make this trail priority a reality.

The MROSD Board of Directors agrees the agricultural and open space resources that extend along approximately 40 miles of the San Mateo County coast are of national significance and deserve the highest level of stewardship possible. As you may know, MROSD's role on the San Mateo coast is outlined within our 2004 LAFCo approved Service Plan for the San Mateo Coastal Annexation Area (Coastal Service Plan).

Our Coastal Service Plan recognizes that other open space, recreation, and park service providers already active along the San Mateo coast - including the National Park Service, the California Department of Parks and Recreation, and the San Mateo County Parks Department as well as local conservation organizations - have a limited capacity to provide expanded open space preservation and management services, and that there is the need, therefore, for a local organization to help provide these services. The Coastal Service Plan emphasizes MROSD, working closely with local residents and agency partners, gradually taking a larger role in land stewardship programs on the San Mateo coast and, where appropriate, providing limited visitor-serving facilities, typically staging areas and trails.

MROSD is currently in the early stages of this thoughtful, measured expansion. We are proceeding judiciously, so that community input can be carefully considered, our desired level of service maintained, and our internal resources sustained over the long term. As we establish an operational and landownership presence on the coastside, we look forward to further discussion with POST and Conservancy staff regarding the details of a potential future property transfer and/or trail management agreement following POST's interim role in this capacity.

Doug Bosco, Chair
State Coastal Conservancy
May 28, 2008

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Together with POST, the Coastal Conservancy has been an important and valuable partner to MROSD in our efforts to preserve and protect significant bay and coastal landscapes for natural resource protection, compatible agriculture, and low intensity public recreation. We look forward to working with your staff on this and other priority projects on the San Mateo Coast in the months and years ahead.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephen E. Abbors". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "S" and "A".

Stephen E. Abbors
General Manager

cc: MROSD Board of Directors
Audrey Rust, Executive Director, POST

COMMITTEE FOR
GREEN FOOTHILLS

May 20, 2008

By FAX 510-286-0470

Mr. Doug Bosco, Chair
State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, Ste. 1300
Oakland, Ca 94612

Re: Proposed Coastal Conservancy grant to the Peninsula Open Space Trust for Coastal Trail project in San Mateo County.

Dear Mr. Bosco:

On behalf of the Committee for Green Foothills (CGF), I am writing to enthusiastically support the request for Conservancy grant funds to the Peninsula Open Space Trust (POST) to construct and operate a new three-mile blufftop segment of the California Coastal Trail (CCT) on the San Mateo County coast, south of Half Moon Bay.

POST's mission and goals of protecting significant coastal natural resources, while allowing continuation of agricultural uses and public recreation and enjoyment, are well established. CGF is confident in POST's ability to manage this coastal access project while protecting the agricultural uses at the Cowell Ranch and Purisima Farms.

We note that the proposed Cowell Ranch-Purisima Farms Coastal Trail is identified as a priority in the Conservancy's 2003 "Completing the California Coastal Trail Report".

Committee for Green Foothills urges your board to approve the grant funds to POST to construct and manage this important segment of the California Coastal Trail.

Sincerely,

Lennie Roberts, Legislative Advocate
Committee for Green Foothills

cc: Cynthia D'Agosta, Executive Director, CGF