

Exhibit 6: Letters of Support

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May 20, 2008

Douglas Bosco, Chairman
California State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Re: Support for the Surfers Point Managed Retreat Project Grant Request by the
City of Ventura

Dear Mr. Bosco:

It has been brought to my attention that the City of Ventura is applying for a Coastal Impact Assistance Program (CIAP) grant, as well as a State Coastal Conservancy grant to fund the "Surfers Point Managed Shoreline Retreat Project."

I wholeheartedly support the City's grant requests. As the State Assemblymember representing the City of Ventura and a member of the California Ocean Protection, I am extremely interested in seeing these grants be approved so that this stretch of California coastline and its environment is managed and protected for future generations. The City of Ventura has worked diligently for many years with local and state stakeholders to create a comprehensive plan. Not only will this project preserve, protect and restore coastal resources and enhance local and regional water quality, but will be a model for coastal protection nationwide.

I would appreciate the Conservancy's favorable consideration for the City of Ventura's grant requests. If you have any questions or concerns do not hesitate to contact me. I look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "PN", written over a faint circular stamp.

Pedro Nava
Assemblymember, 35th District

cc: Kara Kemmler
City of Ventura



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Ruth Coleman, Director

May 21, 2008

Douglas Bosco, Chairman
California State Coastal Commission
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Re: Funding Support for Ventura Surfers Point Managed Retreat Project

I am writing in support of the Ventura Surfers Point Managed Retreat Project that will be considered for a grant by the Coastal Conservancy at its June 5, 2008 meeting. This project will repair and improve a beach area that is widely used by surfers, bicycle riders and walkers and is jointly sponsored by the City of Ventura and the 31st District Agricultural Association (Ventura County Fair Board).

This unique state-of-the-art project will include removing a damaged parking lot and severely eroded bike path, rebuilding these features further inland (retreating to avoid future erosion) and re-creating the beach in its place with the innovative use of buried cobble and sand dunes that naturally occur in the area. By implementing the proposed improvements, the public will again be able to safely use and enjoy this popular coastal parkway, pedestrian and bicycle path – while also experiencing the natural re-creation of Surfer's Point and beach.

The project has been a multi-year collaborative effort from a Working Group representing stakeholders that was established in 1995 by then Ventura County legislators, Brooks Firestone and Jack O'Connell. The Surfers Point Working Group, which includes members from State Parks, the Ventura County Fair Board, State Coastal Commission, State Coastal Conservancy, Surfrider Foundation, local State legislators, Ventura Bicycle Coalition, the Full Sail Windriders Club and the City of Ventura.

I am confident that this project will soon become a model solution for California coastal communities facing the challenges of coastal erosion – including climate change. It deserves your sincere funding consideration and support.

Sincerely,

Richard A. Rojas
District Superintendent (Retired)



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May 21, 2008

Doug Bosco, Chair
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 11th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

RE: Ventura Surfer's Point Managed Retreat Project; June 5, 2008 Agenda

Dear Chair Bosco:

The Surfer's Point Managed Retreat project provides an ideal marriage of environmental restoration, coastal recreation enhancement, and inter-agency cooperation. Under development since the mid-1990's, this joint venture between the City of Ventura and the Ventura County Fairgrounds will address coastal erosion in an environmentally sensitive manner while restoring the currently dilapidated public access to the most popular beach in Ventura County and coastal bike trail.

Your Board's support of \$1.5-million in funding for this much-needed project is respectfully encouraged.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Steve Bennett".

Steve Bennett
Supervisor, First District



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May 12, 2008

Douglas Bosco, Chairman
California State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

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Re: Support for the Surfers Point Managed Retreat Project

Dear Mr. Bosco:

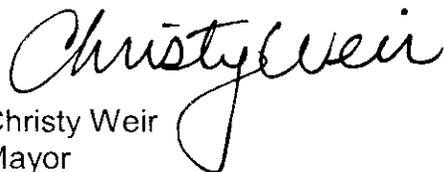
We are writing in support of the Surfers Point Managed Retreat Project that will be considered for a grant by the Coastal Conservancy at its June 5, 2008 meeting. This project will repair and improve a beach area that is widely used by surfers, bike riders and walkers and is jointly sponsored by the City of Ventura and the 31st District Agricultural Association (Ventura County Fair Board).

This state-of-the-art project will include retreating from the beach by removing damaged parking lot and bike path improvements, re-building these items further inland and re-create the beach in its place with the innovative use of buried cobble and sand dunes that occur naturally in the area. By implementing the proposed improvements, the public will again be able to safely use and enjoy this parkway, pedestrian and bicycle path.

This project has been a multi-year collaborative effort from a Working Group representing stakeholders that was established in 1995 by then Ventura County legislators, Brooks Firestone, and Jack O'Connell. The Surfers Point Working Group, which includes members from State Parks, the Ventura County Fair Board, State Coastal Commission, State Coastal Conservancy, Surfrider Foundation, local State legislators, Ventura Bicycle Coalition, the Full Sail Windriders Club, and the City of Ventura.

We look forward to your favorable consideration of the grant.

Sincerely,


Christy Weir
Mayor



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April 21, 2008

Douglas Bosco, Chairman
California State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Re: Support for the Surfer's Point Managed Retreat Project

Dear Mr. Bosco:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the 31st District Agricultural Association, Ventura County Fairgrounds at Seaside Park, we encourage your support for the Surfer's Point Managed Retreat Project. The City of Ventura and the 31st District Agricultural Association are lead agencies for this project and have been working closely with a Working Group since 1995 that has included California Parks & Recreation, California Coastal Commission, California Coastal Conservancy, the Surfrider Foundation, the Ventura County Bicycle Coalition and the offices of Assembly member Pedro Nava to ensure the success of this project. The total conceptual project has been agreed upon by all the stakeholders.

The Surfer's Point Managed Retreat Project offers an innovative means to return the encroached shoreline to a more natural beach state by using buried cobble, which occurs naturally in the area, covered with sand dunes. The intent is to use unique shoreline stabilization methods which will help to preserve and restore the beach, mitigate for past land use encroachment practices, and provide a balance between the established land use and a natural undeveloped shoreline setting.

The project benefits will include: 1) preserve and restore natural resources. 2) Storm water quality enhancements. 3) Increased tourism resulting in a positive economic impact. 4) State of the Art Coastal erosion protection that could be adopted as a new standard nationwide. 5) Implementing a consensus project that was supported by a wide range of State, local and environmental agencies and organizations.

We would appreciate your favorable consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Kenneth M. Hess
Board President

Barbara Boester-Quaid
Chief Executive Officer

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May 8, 2008

Douglas Bosco, Chairman
California State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Re: Support for the Surfers Point Managed Retreat Project

Dear Mr. Bosco,

On behalf of the Surfrider Foundation, I strongly encourage your support for the Surfers Point Managed Retreat Project.

Since 1995, the Surfrider Foundation has been a part of the collaborative Working Group that was convened to form a solution to problems resulting from beach erosion adjacent to the mouth of the Ventura River.

Surfers Point is the most popular beach in Ventura County, and is in desperate need of repair and enhancement. This project provides a progressive solution that respects the natural assets of the river and adjacent shoreline to provide for the long term enjoyment of the area.

The Surfers' Point Managed Retreat Project is one of several efforts to restore the Ventura River bioregion, which include the prominent Matilija Dam Ecosystem Restoration project, Ventura River Preserve, Parkway, and Hillside Preservation.

We envision this project as a showcase for progressive management of California's natural and recreational assets, and appreciate the Coastal Conservancy's recognition of this opportunity.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "A. Paul Jenkin".

A. Paul Jenkin, M.S.
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May 28, 2008

Douglas Bosco, Chairman
California Coastal Conservancy
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Re: June 5, 2008 Meeting, Agenda item No. 18, Surfers Point Managed Retreat Project

Dear Chairman Bosco:

On behalf of the staff of the California Coastal Commission I encourage the Conservancy's authorization of a grant to facilitate implementation of the Surfers Point Managed Retreat Project in the City of San Buenaventura that is scheduled for consideration at the June 5, 2008 meeting in Sacramento. The Coastal Commission unanimously approved the project at its November 16, 2006 meeting.

The Surfers Point Managed Retreat Project is an innovative approach that addresses coastal erosion problems in a manner that does not involve the construction of hard protective structures. The project includes restoration and redevelopment of an approximately 20-acre shoreline area including approximately 1800 linear feet of beach. It includes landward relocation of wave damaged public parking lots and a bike path and realignment of a public road. All development, other than dune habitat, wooden boardwalks to provide vertical access through the dunes, and beach restoration will be located landward of the road and the projected wave uprush line. By restoring the beach and bike path the project will increase opportunities for public recreation and public access along the shoreline.

The project is the result of a multi-year collaborative effort begun in 1995 to resolve issues regarding preservation of the Surfer's Point shoreline that established a working group of stakeholders that included local elected officials and representative from the City of Ventura, the Ventura County Fair Board, the State Department of Parks and Recreation, Surfrider Foundation, Windriders Club, the Ventura Bicycle Coalition, the State Coastal Conservancy, and the Coastal Commission. The Surfer's Point Working Group continued to meet over several years and determined that a managed retreat plan should be developed to relocate the bike path and parking lot further inland, retain access to Surfer's Point via Shoreline Drive, restore the lands seaward of Shoreline Drive to more natural beach habitat, and provide more permanent but natural shoreline

protection for Shoreline Drive and the Fairgrounds. The project resulting from the Working Group process is before you today.

We appreciate your favorable consideration of this grant request.

Sincerely,

Gary Timm
Coastal Program Manager

cc. Patrick Kruer, Chair, California Coastal Commission
Susan Hansch
John Ainsworth
Kara Kemmler



Ventura Surf Club PO Box 6305 Ventura, CA 93006

May 22, 2008

Douglas Bosco, Chairman
California State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland CA 94612

Re: Support for the Surfers Point Managed Retreat Project

Dear Mt Boasco,

On behalf of the Ventura Surf Club, I strongly encourage your support for the Surfers Point Managed Retreat Project.

Surfers Point is the most popular beach in Ventura County, and is in desperate need of repair and enhancement. This project provides a progressive solution that respects the natural assests of the river and adjacent shoreline to provide for the long term enjoyment of the area.

We look forward to your favorable consideration of the grant request at your June 5, 2008 meeting..

Sincerely,

Michael Mariani
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