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May 15, 2008

The Honorable Doug Bosco  
California Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor  
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Dear Chairman Bosco:

I am writing to express my support for the Friends of the Dunes, Coastal Nature Center expansion project. The Friends of the Dunes seek to acquire two parcels that adjoin their Stamps and Miller properties. This acquisition will connect over 1000 acres of coastal property managed for public access and natural resource protection.

The Friends of the Dunes have an exemplary record of coastal stewardship and community involvement. Their organization stands out as a leader in coastal education and restoration and they are eminently qualified for their new role as a coastal land trust. Their mission is strategically focused on habitat rich, rare, and pivotal properties that will preserve and protect high standards of coastal stewardship in perpetuity.

Once acquired these new parcels will be an excellent addition to the planned Humboldt Coastal Nature Center. In addition to conserving one of the few large, undeveloped, contiguous tracts of coastal dune habitats, the Nature Center will serve as a community center where students, community members and out-of-town visitors can learn about and experience the diverse habitats of the Samoa Peninsula via dune walks, education programs and restoration activities.

I enthusiastically support this group and this project and I encourage your favorable review of their funding request.

Sincerely,

MIKE THOMPSON  
Member of Congress

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May 14, 2008

Mr. Doug Bosco, Chair  
California Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Bosco:

This letter is written in support of the acquisition of 52 acres of coastal property by the Friends of the Dunes (FOD). The proposal before the California Coastal Conservancy is contiguous with the FOD's Humboldt Coastal Nature Center and Reserve and public lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management for coastal public access. The acquisition will fill a critical landscape gap resulting in the connectivity of over 1,000 acres of coastal property managed for natural resource conservation, restoration and public access.

Since 1982, FOD has been introducing the community and visitors to coastal ecosystems and engaging in active stewardship through a variety of restoration programs. Exemplary programs include the Bay-to-Dunes Educational program for children in local schools, the Dune Ecosystem Restoration Team, and docent-led public walks every Saturday morning. FOD has demonstrated their commitment to the coastal environments of Humboldt Bay and thus stands out as a leader in coastal education and community-based restoration.

As a land trust, FOD focuses on pivotal properties located on the North Spit of Humboldt Bay that will conserve and restore the integrity of coastal habitats—in perpetuity. Furthermore, the acquisition of the Bachofer (43 acres) and Watson (9 acres) properties will greatly add to efforts currently underway to realize the vision of the Humboldt Coastal Nature Center.

The Arcata Field Office, Bureau of Land Management is in full support of this project and its vision, and encourages the California Coastal Conservancy to continue their guidance and financial support for this project.

Sincerely,

Lynda J. Roush  
Field Manager

Cc: Lisa D. Hoover, FOD Land Trust Chair

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May 13, 2008

Doug Bosco, Chair  
California State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Chairman Bosco:

On behalf of the Board of Supervisors, I am writing in support of the expansion of the Friends of the Dunes Humboldt Coastal Nature Center with the addition of the 41.7 acre Bachofer property, and the 9.7 Watson properties. This acquisition will connect over 1000 acres of coastal property managed for public access and natural resource protection.

Friends of the Dunes has a longstanding, respected, and committed relationship to the health and preservation of coastal environments in the Humboldt Bay region. In evidence of that commitment, they have an exemplary record of coastal stewardship and community involvement including working with the Manila Community Services District to coordinate volunteer restoration days, outreach at special events and public guided walks. The organization stands out as a leader in coastal education and restoration.

Friends of the Dunes now has taken on the responsibility and role of a coastal land trust. This new mission is strategically focused on habitat rich, rare, and pivotal properties that will preserve and protect high standards of coastal stewardship in perpetuity.

The expansion will greatly add to the effort that is already underway to develop the Humboldt Coastal Nature Center and consistent with both the Humboldt Bay Area Plan and the Humboldt Beach and Dunes Management Plan. We feel this project will complement the public access opportunities available at the Manila Community Center and look forward to a continuing relationship with Friends of the Dunes.

The Board fully supports this project and its vision, and encourages the California Coastal Conservancy to continue their guidance and financial support for this most worthwhile project.

Sincerely,



Jill Geist, Chair  
Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

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cc: Lisa D. Hoover, FOD Land Trust Chair

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12 May, 2008

Doug Bosco, Chair  
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Redwood Region Audubon Society has over 700 local members and supports wise habitat and wildlife stewardship. Acquisition of this property by FOD would allow them to join their Manila property with the Ma-le'l BLM property area for a continuous stretch of dune habitat and would allow for continuous management and protection of almost a 10 mile stretch of beach.

This property and adjoining properties support dune mat and dune hollow vegetation. Dune hollows support areas of dense vegetation with willows and Sitka spruce. California Bird Species of Concern, published in 2008 by Western Field Ornithologists and California Department of Fish and Game, lists several species of concern that are or potentially could be found on this and adjoining properties. Raptors including northern harrier, short-eared owls, long-eared owls, and burrowing owls forage in dune mat vegetation areas and roost in willows and Sitka spruce in dune willow hollows. Snowy plovers nest along our beaches in dune hollows behind the wave slopes. Yellow warblers nest and forage in willows in dune hollows. Yellow-breasted chats should be found in the more continuous riparian dune hollows. These areas are also important resting and foraging areas for at least 40 passerine bird species protected under the Migratory Bird Protection Act (1918) and Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act (2000).

Since 1982, Friends of the Dunes has been introducing the community and visitors to the area to our coastal ecosystems and engaging in active, stewardship through our

A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY

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As Conservation Chair, Redwood region Audubon Society, I am in full support of this project and its vision, and encourage the California Coastal Conservancy to continue their guidance and financial support for this most worthwhile project.

Best regards,



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Conservation Chair, Redwood Region Audubon Society

Cc: Lisa D. Hoover, FOD Land Trust Chair