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Douglas Bosco, Chair
State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, Suite 1100
Oakland, California 94612

Re: Hare Creek Beach Acquisition (File No. 08-001-01)

Dear Mr. Bosco:

I strongly support the Mendocino Land Trust's application for funds to assist with the acquisition of Hare Creek Beach in Fort Bragg. The Land Trust, which has a proven and respected track record in Mendocino County, intends to permanently manage the property. It will be seeking community support for an endowment to steward the land and its uses.

Hare Creek is an important local resource for many reasons. It supports steelhead and Coho salmon spawning. The adjacent beach is a resting and feeding site for many migratory bird species. Additionally, the local community and visitors have long enjoyed the beach for recreation.

The Land Trust holds a public access easement on the property immediately to the north of the beach parcel. It will continue to work to ensure that this coastal access easement will become a segment of the California Coastal Trail.

The Land Trust has opened more coastal access sites than any other land conservation organization in the state, has an experienced staff, and has an excellent reputation for providing public access to the natural beauty of the California coast. Ensuring public access will be a great benefit to the residents of Mendocino County, tourists, and to the success of the local economy.

Thank you for your consideration of this very worthy proposal and for your continued support of public access and coastal conservation in California.

Sincerely,

MIKE THOMPSON
Member of Congress

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cc: James R. Bernard, Mendocino Land Trust

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August 19, 2008

Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chair
State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, Suite 1100
Oakland, California 94612

Re: Support for Hare Creek Beach Acquisition (File No. 08-001-01)

Dear Chair Bosco:

The City of Fort Bragg is aware that the California Coastal Conservancy Board, on September 25, 2008, will be considering a grant to the Mendocino Land Trust that will enable the acquisition of Hare Creek Beach in Fort Bragg. I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for this project.

Hare Creek Beach is used as a resting and feeding site during spring and fall migration by many bird species, particularly migratory shorebirds. Hare Creek supports 50-100 steelhead spawners and 25-50 Coho salmon spawners annually based on published studies of estimated escapement. The local community and visitors have long enjoyed the beach for recreation, such as surfing, sunbathing, and bird watching. However, access is currently across privately-held land on the south side of the beach.

The Land Trust holds a 10-foot wide public access easement on the property immediately north of the beach parcel which contains the proposed Todd's Point development. The Land Trust will continue to work with the developer and the City of Fort Bragg to ensure that this coastal access easement will become a segment of the California Coastal Trail (CCT) and that the development plan includes vehicular access to a suitably-sized parking area available for those wishing to access the beach. The western terminus of the coastal access easement is Bay View Drive. Hikers will be able continue west and north along existing streets to reach the City's Pomo Bluffs Park overlooking Noyo Harbor and the Noyo Headlands.

The Land Trust intends to permanently manage the property and will seek community support in 2009 for an endowment to adequately steward the land and its uses. Activities funded by the stewardship endowment will include weekly monitoring of the beach, longer-term removal of invasive species of plants, and restoration of the dune habitat.

The Land Trust is in its 32nd year and has opened more coastal access sites than any other land conservation organization in the state. The Land Trust is a proven public access and environmental infrastructure creation organization with a history of utilizing granted funds for conservation purposes.

By funding the acquisition of Hare Creek Beach, the Coastal Conservancy can continue to play a leading role in developing coastal access and the CCT in Mendocino County and foster local partnerships. I whole-heartedly support this project and urge you to approve \$370,500 in funding for the project.

Sincerely,


Kendall Smith, 4th District Supervisor
Mendocino County Board of Supervisors

cc: Mr. James R. Bernard, Mendocino Land Trust

August 11, 2008

Douglas Bosco, Chair
State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, Suite 1100
Oakland, California 94612

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The City of Fort Bragg is aware that the California Coastal Conservancy Board will be considering a grant September 25, 2008 to the Mendocino Land Trust that will enable the acquisition of Hare Creek Beach in Fort Bragg. We are writing to express our enthusiastic support for this project and explain why the context for your action compliments our own efforts.

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Hare Creek Beach has been utilized by surfers regularly since the 1960s and is a good location for beginning surfers. The Mendocino County Chapter of the Surfrider Foundation has participated in monitoring water quality sampling in 2007 and 2008 at Hare Creek Beach and can report the water quality was graded excellent.

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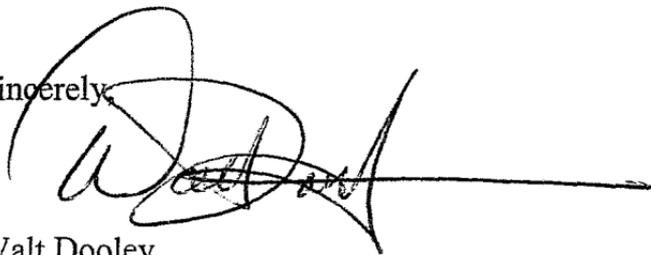
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Walt Dooley', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Walt Dooley
Mendocino County Chairman, Surfrider Foundation

cc: James R. Bernard, Mendocino Land Trust