



Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chairperson
San Francisco Bay Program
Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 11th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Bosco:

I am writing this letter in support of the East Bay Regional Park District's application to the San Francisco Bay Area Conservancy Program of the Coastal Conservancy. In connection with Save Mount Diablo, East Bay Regional Park District is seeking funding in support of the acquisition of the 333-acre Chaparral Spring property located in Contra Costa County.

I am aware Chaparral Spring includes more than a dozen listed and rare species and will help advance the purposes of the East Contra Costa Habitat Conservation Plan. I understand the property is an essential link in the 60-mile Diablo Grand Loop Trail which will circle Mt. Diablo from Walnut Creek to Livermore, Brentwood, Antioch, Pittsburg and back through Clayton to Central County. In addition, Chaparral Spring is the watershed divide between Mt. Diablo and Marsh Creek watersheds, visible throughout Central County and includes spectacular views. Through its acquisition of the Chaparral Spring property, East Bay Regional Park District leaders plan to protect and preserve the space for enjoyment and healthful recreation for our community.

I support this project and hope that you will give the East Bay Regional Park District application full and fair consideration consistent with applicable law and regulations. I trust that you will keep me advised of this program and I look forward to the important services that the East Bay Regional Park District will provide for the residents of the 10th Congressional District.

Sincerely,

ELLEN O. TAUSCHER
Member of Congress

cc: Pat O'Brien, General Manager, East Bay Regional Park District
Ronald Brown, Executive Director, Save Mount Diablo

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Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chairperson
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Re: Grant Application - East Bay Regional Park District – Chaparral Spring Property Acquisition

Dear Mr. Bosco:

East Bay Regional Park District is submitting a grant application to the Coastal Conservancy in the amount of \$1,400,000 for the acquisition of the Chaparral Spring property. I support this grant application for the following reasons:

- The Chaparral Spring property offers an outstanding opportunity to permanently preserve a critical animal and plant habitat area of the East Bay and the Mount Diablo area.
- The Chaparral Spring property includes a diversity of habitats—creekways, grassland, chaparral, woodlands, desert olive scrub, and oak savannah.
- Through the efforts of these public and private entities, the property can be acquired at less than fair market value.

I am hopeful that you will look favorably upon the Park District's grant application. This acquisition is a wonderful example of two organizations working cooperatively to preserve precious resources that will benefit current and future generations of Contra Costa residents. If you have any questions regarding this recommendation, please do not hesitate to contact me at (925) 372-7990.

Very truly yours,

MARK DESAULNIER
11th Assembly District

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cc: ~~Alvin DeLeon~~, Project Manager, Coastal Conservancy
Mr. Seth Adams, Save Mount Diablo
Mr. Pat O'Brien, East Bay Regional Park District

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Re: East Bay Regional Park District Grant, Chaparral Spring Property Acquisition

Dear Mr. Bosco:

I am writing today to express my strong support for the grant application submitted by the East Bay Regional Park District, in cooperation with Save Mount Diablo, for \$1.4 million in support of plans to acquire the Chaparral Spring Property.

The Chaparral Spring Property is located on the northeast side of Mount Diablo and east of the City of Clayton in the district I represent. The grant would allow the transfer of 333 acres from Save Mount Diablo to the East Bay Regional Park District's control.

This transfer would expand the natural lands corridor between Mount Diablo State Park and the Black Diamond Mines Regional Preserve, thereby improving the overall habitat for plants and wildlife in this area. This project is also a great example of a public-private partnership to preserve natural lands in the East Bay. This proposal also allows for the acquisition of the land for less than appraised value.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. If you have any questions about my support for this project, please contact District Director Craig Cheslog at 925-602-6593 or craig.cheslog@sen.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Tom Torlakson

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cc: Abe Doherty, Project Manager, Coastal Conservancy



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June 25, 2008

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Coastal Conservancy
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**Re: Grant Application - East Bay Regional Park District – Chaparral Spring
Property Acquisition**

Dear Mr. Bosco:

It is my understanding that East Bay Regional Park District, in connection with Save Mount Diablo, is submitting a grant application for \$1,400,000 in support of the transfer of 333 acres from Save Mount Diablo to East Bay Regional Park District. The Chaparral Spring property is located on the northeast side of Mount Diablo and east of the City of Clayton.

Being a strong advocate of the conservation of Open Space I whole heartedly support this grant application for the acquisition the Chaparral Spring property because: (1) the transfer will expand the natural lands corridor between Mount Diablo State Park and Black Diamond Mines Regional Preserve, which will improve the overall plant and wildlife habitat in this area; (2) this project is an exceptional example of the public and private sectors working together to preserve public natural lands in the East Bay; and (3) the property will be acquired for less than appraised value.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Supervisor Federal D. Glover
District V, Contra Costa County

cc: ~~Alco DeCheray~~ Project Manager, Coastal Conservancy

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Re: Grant Application - East Bay Regional Park District - Chaparral Spring Property Acquisition

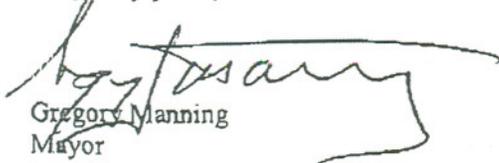
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Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Very truly yours,


Gregory Manning
Mayor

cc: Abe Doherty, Project Manager, Coastal Conservancy



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Re: Grant Application - East Bay Regional Park District – Chaparral Spring Property Acquisition

Dear Mr. Bosco:

East Bay Regional Park District is seeking \$1,400,000 from the Coastal Conservancy in support of the acquisition of the 333-acre Chaparral Spring property. The Chaparral Spring property is a unique property located in Contra Costa County, in close proximity to Mount Diablo State Park and adjacent to East Bay Regional Park District's Clayton Ranch property. Save Mount Diablo supports this grant application and is working with East Bay Regional Park District for the successful acquisition of the Chaparral Spring Property.

The Chaparral Spring property is located in the Marsh Creek corridor and is a critical piece in East Bay Regional Park District's goal to create a stretch of preserved land that will connect Black Diamond Mines Regional Preserve with Mount Diablo State Park and a number of other public open spaces. The property is an essential link in the 60-mile Diablo Grand Loop Trail, which will create a regional recreational trail for the public.

Chaparral Spring is the watershed divide between Mount Diablo and Marsh Creek watersheds and is highly visible from throughout Central Contra Costa County. A variety of lookout points on the property offer spectacular views of Mount Diablo and the foothills stretching east of the mountain.

The property includes a diverse range of habitats and is home to more than a dozen listed and rare species. Acquisition of this property by EBRPD will help advance the purposes of the Eastern Contra Costa Habitat Conservation Plan.

Save Mount Diablo believes that this acquisition is important for conservation efforts in the East Bay and should be supported.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Very truly yours,

Ronald Brown
Executive Director



California Native Plant Society

East Bay Chapter
Rare Plant Committee

August 29, 2008

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As chairperson of the Rare Plant Committee of the East Bay Chapter of the California Native Plant Society I support this grant application for the acquisition of the Chaparral Spring property for the following reasons:

- The property supports four plant species listed as rare by the California Plant Society including:
 - big tarplant (*Blepharizonia plumosa* List 1B)
 - Diablo sunflower (*Helianthella castanea* List 1B)
 - Brewer's western flax (*Hesperolinon breweri* List 1B)
 - needle bedstraw (*Galium andrewsii* ssp. *gatense* List 4)
- The property also supports six plant species listed as rare and unusual under the East Bay Chapter's Unusual Plants Program including:
 - eriastrum (*Eriastrum pluriflorum*)
 - golden fleece (*Ericameria arborescens*)
 - flowering ash (*Fraxinus dipetala*)
 - chaparral pea (*Pickeringia montana*)
 - scrub oak (*Quercus berberidifolia*)
 - canyon live-oak (*Quercus chrysolepis*)
- The property supports large stands of chamise chaparral which could be used as suitable reintroduction sites for Mt. Diablo buckwheat (*Eriogonum truncatum* List 1B), which was rediscovered in 2005.
- Chaparral Spring also shares a boundary with the East Bay Regional Park District's Clayton Ranch which allows for contiguity of large blocks of intact native plant communities and other extant rare plant populations.

Rare Plant Committee

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Heath A. Bartosh". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

Heath A. Bartosh
Rare Plant Committee Chairperson
East Bay Chapter
California Native Plant Society