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September 1, 2008

Mary Small  
South Coast Regional Manager  
Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

Dear Ms. Small,

The purpose of this letter is to pledge my support for the Phase 2 restoration in Crystal Cove State Park's Historic District and to urge the Coastal Conservancy to consider approving a grant for this unique project. The Phase 2 plan offers a variety of benefits to the general public through the Outdoor Educational Commons, the restoration of historic structures and environmental improvements to Los Trancos Creek.

The Outdoor Educational Commons area will provide a much needed venue for educational programs in geology, biology and environmental studies. Additional ADA pathways throughout the commons area will provide accessibility to disabled visitors to this area of the park. Four cottages will be dedicated to educational installations of both historical and environmental programs and will greatly expand the public outreach facilities within the park.

In addition to the Outdoor Educational Commons, several other structures are part of the Phase 2 restoration. Improvements to these structures will create additional overnight accommodations, a museum, offices and storage for operations management and additional accessibility to park visitors.

To summarize, I strongly support the Phase 2 restoration project in Crystal Cove State Park. The improvements that will result from this grant will provide facilities that will greatly expand public outreach and educational programs. The Outdoor Educational Commons area, museum, affordable accommodations and additional ADA accessibility are improvements that the general public will greatly appreciate.

I urge the Coastal Conservancy to approve the grant of \$1,000,000 to the Crystal Cove Alliance for Phase 2 restoration. This grant will permit CCA to complete its required match for the pending \$1,451,000 grant from the California Cultural and Historic Foundation.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Senator Tom Harman  
35<sup>th</sup> District

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION  
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Ruth G. Coleman, Director

September 3, 2008

Ms. Mary Small  
California State Coastal Conservancy  
1130 Broadway, 13<sup>th</sup> floor  
Oakland, California 94612-2530

Re: Coastal Conservancy Funding for the Restoration of Crystal Cove

Dear Ms. Small

We were very pleased to receive a copy of your August 6, 2008 letter addressed to Dan Gee and Crystal Cove Alliance regarding possible funding support for Crystal Cove State Park. The purpose of this letter is to acknowledge State Parks support of the Coastal Conservancy staff recommendation to provide a grant for \$1,000,000 for restoration of the Historical District at Crystal Cove State Park.

Crystal Cove Alliance serves as an official non-profit park cooperating association and also as a park concession operator for the Historic District. We have been working collaboratively with Crystal Cove Alliance for the past two years to develop plans and financing to proceed with Phase Two of the planned restoration in accordance with the publicly approved Preservation and Public Use Plan and concession operation agreement. The plans are scheduled to be complete by the end of 2008. The timing of the Coastal Conservancy grant could not be better.

This grant, along with the cash that CCA has spent on Architectural and Engineering drawings, will permit CCA to meet its required match for a pending \$1,451,000 grant from the California Cultural and Historical Endowment Fund (Proposition 40). The restoration improvements that will result from this grant will provide State Parks with public facilities in the coastal Historic District that will greatly expand our public outreach and educational programs.

If I can be of any further assistance, please feel free to contact me at (949) 366-4895.

Sincerely,

Kenneth M. Kramer  
District Superintendent

cc: Crystal Cove Alliance

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September 1, 2008

Mary Small  
South Coast Regional Manager  
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Dear Ms. Small,

It has come to my attention that the Coastal Conservancy will consider a \$1.0 million grant to Crystal Cove Alliance to assist with phase 2 of restoration of the Crystal Cove Historic District. The purpose of this letter is to urge the approval of the proposed grant.

The Ocean Institute is very familiar with the work of Crystal Cove Alliance as exemplified by the fact that the Ocean Institute sits on the advisory committee for the just completed Park and Marine Research Facility at Crystal Cove. Regarding the phase 2 restoration project, we are particularly supportive of this project since it includes the Education Commons area which will provide the required space for State Parks and Crystal Cove Alliance to substantially increase the number of children attending the Ports Program and also to add additional education programs for children and adults. The Ports program is very similar to the entry-level tide pool programs that we offer to young children at the Ocean Institute. We find that this program is essential to begin the education of young children to become life long stewards of the Ocean.

We look forward to hearing that the Coastal Conservancy has approved the proposed grant.

Yours truly,

Daniel T. Stetson  
President & Chief Executive Officer

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