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May 7, 2009

Mr. Doug Bosco, Chair
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th floor
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

Re: Support for Humboldt Bay Natural Areas Public Access Enhancement Project

Dear Mr. Bosco,

I am writing to express support for the Conservancy's authorization of funds for the Humboldt Bay Natural Areas Public Access Enhancement Project. A Conservancy grant for this project will enable the Arcata Endeavor, a nonprofit organization, to conduct cleanups of homeless encampments in natural and public access areas around Humboldt Bay and to simultaneously reduce the long-term homeless encampment problem in these areas by connecting individuals residing in these encampments with available social services.

Homeless encampments pose an ongoing problem for public access, water quality and wildlife habitat in natural areas around Humboldt Bay. The cleanup and outreach crews on this innovative project will include homeless or formerly homeless individuals in the Arcata Endeavor's job training program, improving the crews' capacity to connect with residents of encampments. Additionally, the proposed project combines cleanup efforts with information about available social services to reduce the long-term encampment problem.

I urge the Conservancy to support this important effort to enhance public access and wildlife habitat in natural areas around Humboldt Bay, while simultaneously assisting homeless people in these areas to connect with available services.

Sincerely,

Pat Wiggins
PATRICIA WIGGINS

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May 12, 2009

Mr. Doug Bosco, Chair
 California Coastal Conservancy
 1330 Broadway, 13th floor
 Oakland, CA 94612-2530

Re: Support for Humboldt Bay Natural Areas Public Access Enhancement Project

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I am writing in support for the Conservancy's authorization of funds for the Humboldt Bay Natural Areas Public Access Enhancement Project. It is my understanding this project will assist the clean-up of significant natural and public access areas around Humboldt Bay caused by homeless encampments. Recognizing this is both an environmental and societal problem; the grant will also assist homeless individuals with access to available social services designed to help find alternative housing and other related services.

Key to the success of this project will be the Arcata Endeavor, a non-profit organization with a long history of providing homeless services throughout Arcata and nearby neighborhoods. I am familiar with the Arcata Endeavor and appreciate their approach and success in working with homeless individuals and families. Through hard work and dedication, the Endeavor has achieved recognition by many for their successful work with some of the most challenging homeless situations in Humboldt County.

Homeless encampments pose an ongoing problem for public health and water quality conditions, as well as threaten wildlife habitat in natural areas around Humboldt Bay. According to the City of Arcata 2007 Homeless Services plan, 74% of 755 homeless individuals surveyed in Humboldt County were camping. Homeless encampments have been cited for damage to public property, natural resources, and sensitive habitat as a result of campfires, garbage, and human waste. In addition, homeless encampments discourage the use of natural areas by the general public due to safety and health concerns.



Thank you for considering my support for this important project. If you have any questions, please contact my Eureka Field Office at 707.445.7014.

Sincerely,



WESLEY CHESBRO
Assemblymember, 1st District



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Redwood Community Action Agency

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May 8, 2009

Mr. Doug Bosco, Chair
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th floor
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

Re: Support for Humboldt Bay Natural Areas Public Access Enhancement Project

Dear Mr. Bosco,

I am writing to express support for the Conservancy's authorization of funds for the Humboldt Bay Natural Areas Public Access Enhancement Project. A Conservancy grant for this project will enable the North Coast Resource Center, formerly known as the Arcata Endeavor, a nonprofit organization, to conduct clean-ups of homeless encampments in natural and public access areas around Humboldt Bay. They will be able to simultaneously reduce the long-term homeless encampment problem in these areas by connecting individuals residing in these encampments with available social services.

Homeless encampments pose an ongoing problem for public access, water quality and wildlife habitat in natural areas around Humboldt Bay. Through the Humboldt Housing and Homeless Coalition, Redwood Community Action Agency (RCAA) has worked with the North Coast Resource Center to provide a continuum of care for homeless persons in Humboldt County. In addition, RCAA's Natural Resources Services division has worked with the Coastal Conservancy on numerous projects to restore and protect coast ecosystems and to encourage public enjoyment of these areas.

This project is innovative in two ways. First, clean-up and outreach crews will include homeless or formerly homeless individuals in the North Coast Resource Center's job training program, thereby improving the crews' capacity to connect with residents of encampments. Second, the project combines clean-up efforts with information about available social services to reduce the long-term encampment problem. The project will demonstrate this innovative, cost-effective, and long-term approach to reducing the homeless

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encampment problem in natural and public access areas around Humboldt Bay.

In closing, I strongly urge the Conservancy to take this important step to enhance public access and wildlife habitat in the natural areas around Humboldt Bay, while simultaneously assisting homeless people to participate in this important project which will improve their lives.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Val Martinez", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Val Martinez
Executive Director



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May 19th, 2009

Mr. Doug Bosco, Chair
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th floor
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

Re: Support for Humboldt Bay Natural Areas Public Access Enhancement Project

Dear Chairman Bosco:

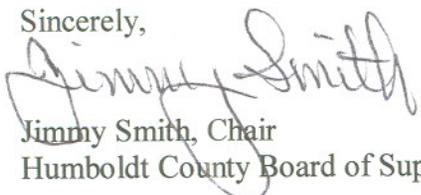
I am writing to express the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors' support for the Conservancy's authorization of funds for the Humboldt Bay Natural Areas Public Access Enhancement Project. A Conservancy grant for this project will enable the Arcata Endeavor, a nonprofit organization, to conduct cleanups of homeless encampments in natural and public access areas around Humboldt Bay and to simultaneously reduce the long-term homeless encampment problem in these areas by connecting individuals residing in these encampments with available social services.

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This project is innovative in two ways. First, cleanup and outreach crews include homeless or formerly homeless individuals in the Arcata Endeavor's job training program, improving the crews' capacity to connect with residents of encampments. Second, the project combines cleanup efforts with information about available social services to reduce the long-term encampment problem. The project will demonstrate this innovative, cost-effective, and long-term approach to reducing the homeless encampment problem in natural and public access areas around Humboldt Bay.

We hope that the Conservancy will take this important step to enhance public access and wildlife habitat in natural areas around Humboldt Bay, while simultaneously assisting homeless people in these areas to connect with available services.

Sincerely,


Jimmy Smith, Chair
Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

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