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September 15, 2009

Douglas Bosco
Chair of the California State Coastal Conservancy Board
California State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
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Dear Mr. Bosco:

I am writing to express my strong support of the Coastal Conservancy's participation in the Jenner Headlands Acquisition, and the Conservancy's acceptance of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Agency's financial contribution to the project. The Jenner Headlands project is an incredible opportunity to protect 5,630 acres of diverse habitat along the Sonoma Coast. Its protection would further the goals of not only the Coastal Conservancy, but over 20 other local, state and federal ecological, strategic, wildlife, and recreational plans.

Just this past July I had the great pleasure to tour the Jenner Headlands and was able to observe for myself the breathtakingly beautiful vistas it affords. Protection of pristine coastline such as this is exactly why the Coastal Conservancy was created.

I understand the project must close by December 31, 2009, or this opportunity will be lost forever. I also understand the this project is on your agenda at the Conservancy's September 24th meeting so time is of the essence.

A dramatic landscape situated near the mouth of the Russian River, the Jenner Headlands is a critical link in a complex of nearly 21,000 acres of protected lands along a 30-mile coastal corridor from Bodega Head to Fort Ross State Park. Acquisition of this spectacular property will provide increased public access to the coast directly adjacent to the 10,000-acre Sonoma Coast State Park, visited by over three million people each year. It will also make possible the future construction of 2.5 miles of the California Coastal Trail along the top of the bluffs—moving it from its current alignment along Hwy.1.

In addition to these recreational benefits, the permanent protection of the Jenner Headlands will achieve multiple conservation goals including protection of the property from the future development of over 40 rural homesites; preservation and restoration of over 1,500 acres of Coastal Prairie habitat; 3,000 acres of redwood-Douglas Fir forest that provides habitat for at least nine known species of special concern; and the protection of significant water resources.

This is a highly collaborative project with participation from several other public agencies and private organizations which only underscores its significance. I strongly support the preservation of this local treasure and urge the Coastal Conservancy to help make this exciting project a reality for all Sonoma County residents, and those fortunate enough to pass through here.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Wesley Chesbro', followed by a long horizontal line extending to the right.

WESLEY CHESBRO
Assemblyman, 1st District

cc: Amy Chesnut, Acquisitions Director, Sonoma Land Trust
Deborah Hirst, Project Manager, California State Coastal Conservancy

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December 24, 2008

Mr. Sam Schuchat
Executive Director
California State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Schuchat:

I am writing to express my support of the Coastal Conservancy's financial participation in the Jenner Headlands Acquisition. The Jenner Headlands project is an incredible opportunity to protect 5,630 acres of diverse habitat along the Sonoma Coast, and its protection would further the goals of not only the Coastal Conservancy, but over 20 other local, state and federal ecological, strategic, wildlife, and recreational plans.

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In addition to these recreational benefits, the permanent protection of the Jenner Headlands will achieve multiple conservation goals including protection of the property from the future development of 42 rural homesites; preservation and restoration of over 1,500 acres of Coastal Prairie habitat; protection of over 3,000 acres of redwood-Douglas Fir forest that provides habitat for at least ten known species of special concern; and the protection of significant water resources.

I strongly encourage the Board members of the State Coastal Conservancy to join local, state, and federal funding partners to participate in this exciting collaborative project and approve this grant to the Sonoma Land Trust.

Sincerely yours,

Mike Reilly
Fifth District Supervisor

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cc: Amy Chesnut, Acquisitions Director, Sonoma Land Trust

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September 15, 2009

Douglas Bosco
Chairman of the Board
California State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Bosco:

Coastwalk California is in enthusiastic support of the Coastal Conservancy's participation in the Jenner Headlands Acquisition, and the Conservancy's acceptance of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Agency's financial contribution to the project. The Jenner Headlands project is an incredible opportunity to protect 5,630 acres of diverse habitat along the Sonoma Coast, and its protection would further the goals of not only the Coastal Conservancy, but over 20 other local, state and federal ecological, strategic, wildlife, and recreational plans.

We understand the project must close by December 31, 2009, or this opportunity will be lost forever. We urge the Board to approve this project at its upcoming meeting on September 24th.

The Jenner Headlands property also provides a significant opportunity to further the California Coastal Trail (CCT). It will make possible the future construction of 2.5 miles of the California Coastal Trail along the top of the bluffs—moving it from its current alignment along Hwy.1. Development of the California Coastal Trail is a key coastal access mandate for the State Coastal Conservancy. Completion of the CCT has been mandated by the California Legislature. A Coastal Trail segment on the Jenner Headlands property will provide the public with one of the most outstanding views along the entire 1200 mile trail. The property has a dramatic landscape situated near the mouth of the Russian River, and is a critical link in a complex of nearly 21,000 acres of protected lands along a 30-mile coastal corridor from Bodega Head to Fort Ross State Park. Acquisition of this spectacular property will provide increased public access to the coast directly adjacent to the 10,000-acre Sonoma Coast State Park, visited by over three million people per year.

In addition to these recreational benefits, the permanent protection of the Jenner Headlands will achieve multiple conservation goals including protection of the property from the future development; preservation of habitat; and the protection of significant water resources.

We understand this is a highly collaborative project with participation from several other public agencies and private organizations. Please help to make this exciting project a reality for us all.

Sincerely,

Una J. M. Glass
Executive Director



Stewards of the Coast and Redwoods

Preservation through Education and Stewardship

Russian River District State Parks

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

Dear Mr. Schuchat:

Stewards of the Coast and Redwoods would like to express our support of the Coastal Conservancy's participation in the Jenner Headlands Acquisition, and the Conservancy's acceptance of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Agency's financial contribution to the project. The Jenner Headlands project is an incredible opportunity to protect 5,630 acres of diverse habitat along the Sonoma Coast, and its protection would further the goals of not only the Coastal Conservancy, but over 20 other local, state and federal ecological, strategic, wildlife, and recreational plans.

We understand the project must close by December 31, 2009, or this opportunity will be lost forever. We urge the Board to approve this important project at its upcoming meeting on September 24th.

A dramatic landscape situated near the mouth of the Russian River, the Jenner Headlands is a critical link in a complex of nearly 21,000 acres of protected lands along a 30-mile coastal corridor from Bodega Head to Fort Ross State Park. Acquisition of this spectacular property will provide increased public access to the coast directly adjacent to the 10,000-acre Sonoma Coast State Park, visited by over three million people each year. It will also make possible the future construction of 2.5 miles of the California Coastal Trail along the top of the bluffs—moving it from its current alignment along Hwy.1.

In addition to these recreational benefits, the permanent protection of the Jenner Headlands will achieve multiple conservation goals including protection of the property from the future development of over 40 rural homesites; preservation and restoration of over 1,500 acres of Coastal Prairie habitat; 3,000 acres of redwood-Douglas Fir forest that provides habitat for at least nine known species of special concern; and the protection of significant water resources.

Stewards is one of the organizations that plans to participate in this highly collaborative project with several other public agencies and private organizations. We see this land acquisition as very important from a historic perspective and look forward to joining with the Sonoma Land Trust in interpreting its cultural significance on Sonoma Coast to visitors.

Please help to make this exciting project a reality for us all.

Sincerely,



Michele Luna
Executive Director

cc: Amy Chesnut, Acquisitions Director, Sonoma Land Trust
Deborah Hirst, Project Manager, California State Coastal Conservancy



September 15, 2009

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Douglas Bosco
Chairman of the Board of Directors
California State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway
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Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Bosco:

I am writing on behalf of the Board of Directors for Coastwalk California, a 25 year-old nonprofit committed to coastal access, coastal preservation and the completion of the 1200 mile California Coastal Trail which one day will run unbroken from Oregon to Mexico. We introduce people to the grandeur and stewardship of our state's coastline through our summer "coastwalks" program and several of our dedicated Board members have hiked the whole coastline to bring attention to CCT completion gaps and barriers.

We are in full support of SCC Board's accepting federal NOAA funds for the very worthy Jenner Headlands purchase -- an acquisition that will provide an unbroken conservation corridor for thirty miles along our coast from Bodega Head to Fort Ross adding 2.5 more miles for our Coastal Trail through Sonoma County. This part of the coast enjoys three million visitors every year and Jenner Headlands will quickly become a major recreation and tourism state asset. Four years of dogged negotiations by a coalition of six major nonprofit groups and agencies resulted in the largest single conservation land acquisition in county history spearheaded by Coastwalk Board member Supervisor Mike Reilly. Rare prairie coastal habitat and mixed forest lands will be protected permanently and remain a working cattle ranch for Sonoma County. Acquiring the 5,630 acres will markedly increase coastal public access, save eight watersheds and prevent up to 47 developable lots being converted by Certificates of Compliance into residential parcels of one house per one hundred acres. Open space acquisitions are vital in our state's full commitment to climate resiliency adaptations and reducing adverse future consequences of global warming, climate change and sea level rise.

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Senator Diane Feinstein said of this acquisition: "Acquisition of the Jenner



Headlands is the most significant opportunity along the Sonoma Coast to protect an important area with unique and diverse conservation, recreation, ecological and aesthetic values.” With 1220 acres facing the sea this magnificent land is much like it was many centuries ago, can soon be shepherded into public trust in perpetuity for generations to come and one day we will all stand proudly to sign this new CCT segment and open it for the people of our great state of California.

Thank you for all you do to champion the coast of California for current and future generations.

Sincerely,

Fran Gibson
President of the Board
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cc: Deborah Hirst, Project Manager, California State Coastal Conservancy
Amy Chestnut, Acquisitions Director, Sonoma Land Trust
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September 14, 2009

Sam Schuchat
Executive Director
California State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
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RE: Acquisition and Protection – Jenner Headlands

Dear Mr. Schuchat:

On behalf of the Jenner Community Club (JCC), a 501(c)3 federal nonprofit organization located in the town of Jenner and at the base of one of the Jenner Headland's major watersheds, I am writing to express our organization's strong support of the Coastal Conservancy's participation in the Jenner Headlands Acquisition, and the Conservancy's acceptance of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Agency's financial contribution to the project. Not only would the Jenner Headlands acquisition provide protection for many species within its 5,630 acres of coastal habitat, some of which are threatened or endangered, it would further the goals of the Coastal Conservancy and over 20 other local, state and federal ecological, strategic, wildlife, and recreational plans. As neighbors to this project, the majority portion of Jenner's population, working with and represented by the JCC, has a strong history of commitment toward the welfare of the Jenner Gulch Watershed, a stance that over the past decade has strongly supported acquisition as is currently proposed.

The JCC understands the project must close by December 31, 2009, or this opportunity will be lost forever. As such, the JCC urges the Board to approve this important project at its upcoming meeting on September 24th.

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In addition to these recreational benefits, the permanent protection of the Jenner Headlands will achieve multiple conservation goals including protection of the property from the future development of over 40 rural homesites; preservation and restoration of over 1,500 acres of Coastal Prairie habitat; 3,000 acres of redwood-Douglas Fir forest that provides habitat for at least nine known species of special concern; and the protection of significant water resources, to include Jenner

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Creek, a steelhead protected habitat, and the Jenner Gulch watershed upon which our town's surface water collection system relies.

We understand this is a highly collaborative project with participation from several other public agencies and private organizations. Please help to make this exciting project a reality not only for those of us who are of the area and therefore fortunate enough to understand the incredible promise this acquisition will bring to environmental health and beauty, but for the many who visit this beautiful place from afar.

Sincerely,

David S. Kenly
President, Board of Directors

c: Amy Chesnut, Acquisitions Director, Sonoma Land Trust
Deborah Hirst, Project Manager, California State Coastal Conservancy

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September 15, 2009

Sam Schuchat
Executive Director
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RE: Acquisition of the Jenner Headlands

Dear Mr. Schuchat:

On behalf of the Jenner Water Citizens Advisory Committee (JWCAC), appointed by the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors to fulfill oversight and reporting duties relevant to all aspects of our town's water system and use, I am writing to emphasize our committee's strong support of the Coastal Conservancy's participation in the Jenner Headlands Acquisition, and the Conservancy's acceptance of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Agency's financial contribution to the project. Not only would the Jenner Headlands acquisition provide protection for many species within its 5,630 acres of coastal habitat, some of which are threatened or endangered, it would further the goals of the Coastal Conservancy and over 20 other local, state and federal ecological, strategic, wildlife, and recreational plans.

The sole source of the town's drinking water, the Jenner Watershed, lies primarily within the boundaries of the Jenner Headlands properties. As Jenner citizens appointed to maintain continuing watch over the welfare of this vital resource, we are strongly committed to that watershed's preservation in as pristine and natural condition as is feasible. The JWCAC is unanimous in believing that watershed health can be achieved only through preservation of natural state, and that can be achieved only through land acquisition such as is being currently proposed.

The JWCAC understands the project must close by December 31, 2009, or this opportunity will be lost forever. As such, the JWCAC urges the Board to approve this important project at its upcoming meeting on September 24th.

In addition to the protection of several significant water resources, to include the primary tributary of the Jenner Watershed (a steelhead protected habitat), the permanent protection of the Jenner Headlands will achieve multiple conservation goals, including protection of the property from the future development of over 40 rural homesites, preservation and restoration of over 1,500 acres of Coastal Prairie habitat, and preservation of 3,000 acres of redwood-Douglas Fir forest that provide habitat for at least nine known species of special concern.

Appointed by the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors to provide oversight and advice relevant to all aspects of Jenner's surface water collection system, from source through distribution

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We understand this is a highly collaborative project requiring participation with several other public agencies and private organizations. Please help to make this exciting project a reality not only for those of the area who realize how we benefit from proximity to a healthy natural watershed, but on behalf of the continued vitality of the full range of fauna and flora that comprise the healthy vitality of the Jenner Headlands, and of all who may come to visit to learn and experience our Earth as it is meant to be.

Sincerely,

Sharon A. Chang
Chair

c: Amy Chesnut, Acquisitions Director, Sonoma Land Trust
Deborah Hirst, Project Manager, California State Coastal Conservancy

Letter of Support to the Coastal Conservancy

September 16, 2009

Sam Schuchat
Executive Director
California State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Schuchat:

I am writing to express my support of the Coastal Conservancy's participation in the Jenner Headlands Acquisition, and the Conservancy's acceptance of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Agency's financial contribution to the project. The Jenner Headlands project is an incredible opportunity to protect 5,630 acres of diverse habitat along the Sonoma Coast, and its protection would further the goals of not only the Coastal Conservancy, but over 20 other local, state and federal ecological, strategic, wildlife, and recreational plans.

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Sincerely,

Lynn Millar, 440 Occidental Circle, Santa Rosa, CA 95401

c: Amy Chesnut, Acquisitions Director, Sonoma Land Trust
Deborah Hirst, Project Manager, California State Coastal Conservancy