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Douglas Bosco, Chairman
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th floor
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Re: Muir Heritage Land Trust Grant Proposal

Dear Chairman Bosco,

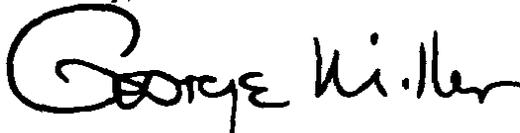
I am writing in strong support of the grant request of the Muir Heritage Land Trust to the Coastal Conservancy to fund the Franklin Canyon Acquisition in Contra Costa County by the Muir Heritage Land Trust. Acquisition of the Franklin Canyon property meets the goals and objectives of the San Francisco Bay Area Conservancy Program by protecting natural habitat of regional significance while providing public access and recreational opportunities to the surrounding communities.

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Completion of this project will benefit riparian habitat and several endangered species, as well as offer recreational and interpretive opportunities that will enhance the health and well being of Contra Costa County residents. This project will have immediate and lasting benefits to the ecosystem and community.

Thank you for your consideration of this grant request.

Sincerely,



George Miller
Member of Congress
7th District, California

cc: Michelle Jespersen, Project Manager

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OAKLAND, CALIF.

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MARK DESAULNIER
SEVENTH SENATE DISTRICT



March 12, 2009

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

Re: Muir Heritage Land Trust Grant Proposal

Dear Douglas Bosco,

I am writing to express my support of the grant request to the Coastal Conservancy to fund the Franklin Canyon Acquisition in Contra Costa County by the Muir Heritage Land Trust. Acquisition of the Franklin Canyon property meets the goals and objectives of the San Francisco Bay Area Conservancy Program by protecting natural habitat of regional significance while providing public access and recreational opportunities to the surrounding communities.

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Thank you for your consideration of this grant request.

Sincerely,

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MARK DESAULNIER

cc: Michelle Jespersion, Project Manager

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March 10, 2009

Douglas Bosco, Chair of the Conservancy
Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

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Thank you for your consideration of this grant request.

Sincerely,

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Gayle B. Uilkema

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John Gioia
Supervisor, District I
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March 5, 2009

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Thank you for your consideration of this grant request.

Sincerely,

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Honorable John Gioia
Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors

cc: Michelle Jespersen, Project Manager

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December 17, 2008

Douglas Bosco, Chair of the Conservancy
Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Re: Muir Heritage Land Trust Grant Proposal

Dear Douglas Bosco,

On behalf of the Contra Costa Resource Conservation District, I am writing in support of the grant request to the Coastal Conservancy to fund the Franklin Canyon Acquisition in Contra Costa County by the Muir Heritage Land Trust. Acquisition of the Franklin Canyon property meets the goals and objectives of the San Francisco Bay Area Conservancy Program by protecting natural habitat of regional significance while providing public access and recreational opportunities to the surrounding communities.

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Thank you for your consideration of this grant request.

Sincerely,

Carol Arnold
Executive Director
Contra Costa Resource Conservation District

cc: Michelle Jespersen, Project Manager

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Contra Costa County
Flood Control
& Water Conservation District

Julia R. Bueren,
ex officio Chief Engineer
R. Mitch Avalon,
Deputy Chief Engineer

March 9, 2009

Douglas Bosco, Chair of the Conservancy
Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th floor
Oakland, California 94612

Re: Muir Heritage Land Trust Grant Proposal

Dear Douglas Bosco,

On behalf of the Contra Costa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (District), I am writing in support of the grant request to the Coastal Conservancy to fund the Franklin Canyon Acquisition in Contra Costa County by the Muir Heritage Land Trust (Land Trust). Acquisition of the Franklin Canyon property protects riparian habitat while providing recreational, open space and wildlife benefits to the surrounding communities.

The Regional Water Quality Control Board has identified excess sediment as a "pollutant" in creeks, and Rodeo Creek generates a lot of excess sediment. This excess sediment also reduces flood capacity in the downstream community of Rodeo. This property is contiguous to the Fernandez Ranch property owned by the Land Trust, and the Land Trust is restoring portions of the Rodeo Creek through this property. With the acquisition of the adjacent Franklin Canyon property, the District can partner with the Land Trust to restore another reach of Rodeo Creek and reduce sediment in the creek system.

Completion of this project will benefit riparian habitat and several endangered species, as well as offer recreational and interpretive opportunities that will enhance the health and well being of Contra Costa County residents. This project will have immediate and lasting benefits to the creek ecosystem and downstream community.

The Contra Costa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District agrees that this land acquisition project is compatible with flood protection purposes. This project could

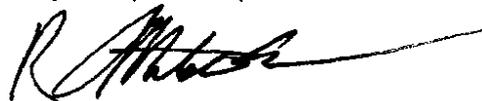
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March 9, 2009
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also be part of a larger flood management strategy through enhanced retention of stormwater and sediment in the upper watershed.

Thank you for your consideration of this grant request.

Very Truly Yours,



R. Mitch Avalon
Deputy Chief Engineer

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c: Julie Bueren, Flood Control District Chief Engineer
Greg Connaughton, Flood Control District
Michelle Jesperson, Project Manager
Beth Pardieck, Muir Heritage Land Trust

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Joseph A. Ovick, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools

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March 5, 2009

Douglas Bosco, Chair of the Conservancy
Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Re: Muir Heritage Land Trust Grant Proposal

Dear Mr. Bosco:

As the Contra Costa County Superintendent of Schools, I am writing in support of the grant request to the Coastal Conservancy to fund the Franklin Canyon Acquisition in Contra Costa County by the Muir Heritage Land Trust. Acquisition of the Franklin Canyon property meets the goals and objectives of the San Francisco Bay Area Conservancy Program by protecting natural habitat of regional significance while providing public access and recreational opportunities to the surrounding communities.

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Completion of this project will benefit riparian habitat and several endangered species, as well as offer recreational and interpretive opportunities that will enhance the health and well-being of Contra Costa County residents and provide educational opportunities for young people to learn about local habitats and environmental issues. This project will have immediate and lasting benefits on the ecosystem and community.

Thank you for your consideration of this grant request.

Sincerely,

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Joseph A. Ovick, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools
Contra Costa County

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cc: Michelle Jespersion, Project Manager

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March 5, 2009

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Thank you for your consideration of this grant request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joe Eddy McDonald". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mayor Joe Eddy McDonald
City of Hercules

cc: Michelle Jespersen, Project Manager



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Thank you for your consideration of this grant request.

Yours truly,

Pat O'Brien
General Manager
East Bay Regional Park District

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March 10, 2009

Douglas Bosco, Chair
Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th floor
Oakland, CA 94612
Re: Coastal Conservancy Grant Proposal

Dear Chair Bosco,

The Bay Area Ridge Trail Council supports the Muir Heritage Land Trust's grant request to the Coastal Conservancy Grant Program to fund the Franklin Canyon acquisition in Contra Costa County. Acquisition of this property meets the goals and objectives of the San Francisco Bay Area Conservancy Program by protecting natural habitat of regional significance while providing public access and recreational opportunities to the surrounding communities.

Franklin Canyon abuts the Muir Heritage Land Trust's Fernandez Ranch, which was acquired in 2005 and is currently being restored with Coastal Conservancy program funding. The Bay Area Ridge Trail Council has partnered with MHLT to preserve Fernandez Ranch and expand public recreational opportunities there, including a 1.3 mile link in the regional Ridge Trail. Taken together, Franklin Canyon and Fernandez Ranch would effectively create a 1,125-acre park for conservation and public access. In addition, this acquisition could offer new opportunities to close a challenging gap in a 50-mile loop trail around the Carquinez Strait, ensuring regional trail connections between Fernandez Ranch and Crockett Hills Regional Park

Completion of this project will protect sensitive habitat, as well as offer recreational and interpretive opportunities to enhance the health and well being of the region's residents. Franklin Canyon is an acquisition worthy of Coastal Conservancy Grant funding.

Thank you for your consideration of this grant request.

Sincerely,

Janet McBride
Executive Director

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March 4, 2009

Douglas Bosco, Chair of the Conservancy

Coastal Conservancy
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Oakland, CA 94612

Re: Muir Heritage Land Trust Grant Proposal

Dear Douglas Bosco,

On behalf of the Friends of Hercules (formerly the Friends of Franklin Canyon), I am writing in support of this grant request to the Coastal Conservancy to fund the Franklin Canyon Acquisition in Contra Costa County by the Muir Heritage Land Trust. Acquisition of the Franklin Canyon property meets the goals and objectives of the San Francisco Bay Area Conservancy Program by protecting natural habitat of regional significance, while providing public access and recreational opportunities to the surrounding communities.

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Thank you for your consideration of this grant request.

Sincerely,



Steve Kirby
Friends of Hercules

cc: Michelle Jespersion, Project Manager

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