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July 31, 2008

Sam Shuchat  
California State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr.  Shuchat:

I am writing to express my gratitude for the Coastal Conservancy's continued support of the San Francisco Bay Trail Project, and in particular the Bair Island Bay Trail Public Access Improvement Project, located in Redwood City in my State Senate District.

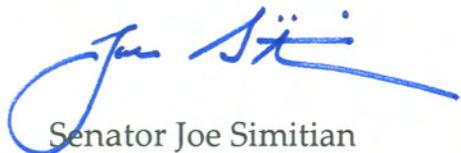
The Coastal Conservancy's assistance in funding of the San Francisco Bay Trail through its block grants is greatly appreciated. Through these grants, you are providing the opportunity for residents and visitors to the Bay Area to enjoy the world-class, natural treasure of the Bay. These grants are critical to help in funding the planning, design, and construction of important Bay Trail segments such as those at Bair Island.

A key element of the Bair Island project is a pedestrian access bridge which, with funding assistance through the Bay Trail Project, will provide access to two trails and observation platforms on Inner Bair Island. This will help create a renewed natural and environmental education experience for visitors to Bair Island, which is presently undergoing restoration to natural tidal wetlands.



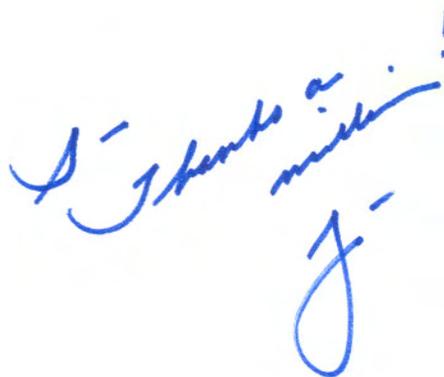
Thank you again for the positive consideration and support that the Coastal Conservancy has given to this project and to many others in Redwood City, as well as to other endeavors that are part of the Bay Trail Project.

Sincerely,



Senator Joe Simitian  
11<sup>th</sup> District

cc: Patrycja Bossak, San Francisco Bay Trail Project  
P.O. Box 2050, Oakland, CA 94604



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July 8, 2008

Mr. Doug Bosco  
Board Chairman  
California Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Bosco:

I am writing to thank the Coastal Conservancy for your continued support of the San Francisco Bay Trail Project, and in particular, the Bair Island Bay Trail Public Access Improvement Project.

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Thank you again for your positive consideration and support of the Bay Trail and public access to the Bay Area's natural environments.

Sincerely,

IRA RUSKIN  
Assemblymember, 21st District

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Cc: Patrycja Bossak, San Francisco Bay Trail Project, P.O. Box 2050, Oakland, CA 94604  
Malcolm Smith, City of Redwood City, 1017 Middlefield Rd, Redwood City, CA 94063



## United States Department of the Interior



FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE  
San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge Complex  
9500 Thornton Avenue  
Newark, California 94560

September 29, 2008

Douglas Bosco, Chair  
Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612.

Dear Mr. Bosco,

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) manages the Bair Island Unit as part of the Don Edwards San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge, located in San Mateo County. The Refuge is part of the National Wildlife Refuge System and is one of over 550 refuges encompassing almost 100 million acres of land. The majority of the Bair Island unit is owned by the State of California and is managed by the Service through an agreement. Ducks Unlimited is assisting us with implementation of the restoration and public access activities addressed in the Final Environmental Impact Statement/ Environmental Impact Report that was completed in June of 2006. Specific to this proposal, they will manage the construction of a pedestrian bridge and associated infrastructure to link the public parking lot area on Bair Island Road with Inner Bair Island.

We support the request for funding submitted by Ducks Unlimited, Inc., to the California Coastal Conservancy (Conservancy) Bay Program. Conservancy funding will be combined with funding from Bay Trail and City of Redwood City to support the installation of a prefabricated predator resistant pedestrian bridge, an observation platform on Inner Bair Island, interpretive signage, and placement of other visitor use improvements such as benches.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to give me a call at (510) 792-0222 ext. 23.

Sincerely,

G. Mendel Stewart  
Manager, San Francisco Bay National  
Wildlife Refuge Complex

cc:  
Renee Spenst  
Lisa Ames

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Exhibit 3: Project Letters

Mayor Rosanne Foust  
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October 7, 2008

Douglas Bosco, Chair  
Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612.

RE: Support for Bair Island Bridge Proposal

Dear Mr. Bosco:

I'm writing to let you know that Redwood City supports the Bair Island Bridge Proposal as submitted for funding to the California Coastal Conservancy. In cooperation with Ducks Unlimited and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, who manages the property, we are working to incorporate public access to some of the habitats restored in the overall Bair Island project.

Redwood City is participating in the funding of public access improvements, notably the pedestrian bridge, for the Bair Island Complex. We have earmarked \$300,000 to the Bair Island Bridge project being submitted by Ducks Unlimited, Inc. for funding under the Coastal Conservancy's Bay Program.

The overall public access will include the bridge, trails, interpretative signs, and parking lot improvements. The close proximity of Bair Island to our community makes it a valuable resource for wildlife and for the public.

This letter affirms our support of habitat restoration projects that not only improve the quality of life for wildlife, but have a positive impact on the quality of life for the residents of Redwood City and the greater San Francisco Bay Area.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rosanne Foust".

Rosanne Foust  
Mayor

cc: City Clerk, Redwood City  
Renee Spent, Ducks Unlimited

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# Bair Island Taskforce

October 14, 2008

The Honorable Douglas Bosco, Chairman and Board members  
California State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612

Attention: Lisa Ames

RE: Bair Island Pedestrian Bridge Proposal

Dear Chairman Bosco and Board members,

The Bair Island Task Force urges your support for funding for the Bair Island Pedestrian Bridge as proposed and submitted by Ducks Unlimited. The bridge is part of the larger public access project sponsored by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service and is complementary to that USFWS's restoration of Bair Island to natural tidal wetland habitat.

The bridge will be a key element in providing improved public access for low-intensity recreation and environmental education on Bair Island. The planned reconfiguring of the existing Bay trail segment on Bair Island will create a new configuration which as proposed as Bay Trail. The new bridge will serve as the entry point to Inner Bair Island and to that section of the Bay Trail from the existing parking lot. The close proximity of Bair Island to the surrounding urbanized area makes it a valuable resource for wildlife and public use. We think that this bridge is an essential component of assuring improved public access to the Bay Trail and will enhance the public's experience. Thank you for your serious consideration and support of the funding proposal.

Sincerely yours,

Bair Island Task Force (list of members attached)

cc:

Renee Spenst  
Ducks Unlimited  
3074 Gold Canal Drive  
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

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# Bair Island Taskforce

## Member Listing in Alphabetical Order

Bay Planning Coalition – Ellen Johnck, Executive Director

California Department of Fish and Game – George Isaac, Environmental Scientist

City of Redwood City – Rosanne Foust, Mayor

Ducks Unlimited – Jeff McCreary, Manager of Conservation Programs

NOAA Fisheries – Dick Butler, Area Office Supervisor

Pauls Corporation – Paul Powers, President

Pete's Harbor – Paula Uccelli, Owner

Port of Redwood City – Michael Giari, Executive Director

Port of Redwood City – Jack Castle, Past Commissioner

S.F. BCDC – Will Travis, Executive Director

S.F. RWQCB – Bruce Wolfe, Executive Officer

San Carlos Airport, San Mateo County – Mark Larson, Airport Manager

San Francisco Bay Trail-ABAG – Laura Thompson, Project Manager

Save the Bay – David Lewis, Executive Director

South Bayside System Authority – Dan Child, Manager

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service – Mendel Stewart, Manager

Westpoint Harbor, Redwood City – Mark Sanders, Developer