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MARK LENO
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March 6, 2009

Douglas Bosco, Chairman
State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, Suite 1300
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I am writing to offer my support of Marin Agricultural Land Trust's request for a \$1,000,000 grant from the State Coastal Conservancy to assist with the acquisition of an agricultural conservation easement over the Corda Ranch, located in the Stafford Lake Watershed near Novato.

MALT's pioneering work in agricultural land preservation over the last 27 years has permanently protected 63 Marin County family farms and ranches totaling over 41,000 acres. Purchasing a conservation easement on the 1200-acre Corda Ranch will make a vital contribution to the local agricultural economy, as well as protecting open space, scenic vistas, drinking water quality, and wildlife habitat for the benefit of all Bay Area residents.

The Corda family has owned the property since the early 1900's and is looking to protect the ranch as a viable agricultural asset for the next generation, while avoiding the pressure to sell the ranch for development. This is an important opportunity for MALT to permanently protect 1200 acres of productive and beautiful agricultural land from future development. The protection of the Corda Ranch is a high priority project for MALT, one that I believe is worthy of support from the Conservancy.

Thank you for your consideration of this important issue for the constituents of my district and the Marin Agricultural Land Trust. If you have any questions, please contact my district office at 415-479-6612.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mark Leno".

MARK LENO
Senator, 3rd District

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ON RESOURCES

March 11, 2009

Douglas Bosco, Chairman
State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, Suite 1300
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I am writing in support of Marin Agricultural Land Trust's (MALT) request for a \$1,000,000 grant from the State Coastal Conservancy to assist with the acquisition of an agricultural conservation easement over the Corda Ranch located in the Stafford Lake Watershed near Novato.

MALT's pioneering work in agricultural land preservation over the last 27 years has permanently protected 63 Marin County family farms and ranches totaling over 41,000 acres. Purchasing a conservation easement on the 1200-acre Corda Ranch will make a vital contribution to the local agricultural economy, as well as protect open space, scenic vistas, drinking water quality, and wildlife habitat for the benefit of all Bay Area residents.

The Corda family has owned the property since the early 1900s and wants to protect the ranch as a viable agricultural asset for future generations by avoiding the pressure to sell the ranch for development. This is an important opportunity for MALT to permanently protect 1200 acres of productive and beautiful agricultural land from future development.

Preserving Corda Ranch is a high priority project for MALT, and one that is worthy of support from the State Coastal Conservancy. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


JARED HUFFMAN
Assemblymember, 6th District



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The Corda family has owned the property since the early 1900's and is looking to protect the ranch as a viable agricultural asset for the next generation, while avoiding the pressure to sell the ranch for development. This is an important opportunity for MALT to permanently protect 1200 acres of productive and beautiful agricultural land from future development. The protection of the Corda Ranch is a high priority project for MALT, one that I believe is worthy of support from the Conservancy.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Steve Kinsey

Marin County Board of Supervisors
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State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, Suite 1300
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I am writing to offer my support of Marin Agricultural Land Trust's request for a \$1,000,000 grant from the State Coastal Conservancy to assist with the acquisition of an agricultural conservation easement over the Corda Ranch, located on the Stafford Lake Watershed near Novato. Stafford Lake is a local surface water source of supply owned by North Marin Water District and provides 20% of Novato's drinking water.

MALT's pioneering work in agricultural land preservation over the last 27 years has permanently protected 63 Marin County family farms and ranches totaling over 41,000 acres. Purchasing a conservation easement on the 1200-acre Corda Ranch will make a vital contribution to the local agricultural economy, as well as protecting open space, scenic vistas, drinking water quality, and wildlife habitat for the benefit of all Bay Area residents. Once acquired, the Corda Ranch agricultural easement will be the second on the Stafford Lake Watershed.

The Corda family has owned the property since the early 1900's and is looking to protect the ranch as a viable agricultural asset for the next generation, while avoiding the pressure to sell the ranch for development. This is an important opportunity for MALT to permanently protect 1200 acres of productive and beautiful agricultural land from future development. The protection of the Corda Ranch is a high priority project for MALT, one that I believe is worthy of support from the Conservancy.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Chris DeGabriele
General Manager

Cc: Jeff Stump
Bob Berner
Steve Kinsey

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