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

Re: Campus Point Beach Access Stairway

Dear Chairperson Bosco,

This letter reflects our support of UCSB's application for funding from the Coastal Conservancy to construct a boardwalk style stairway from Campus Point down an eroded bluff to Campus Beach. Spearheaded by the Cheadle Center for Biodiversity and Ecological Restoration (CCBER), this stairway will protect coastal bluff resources and enhance access to a well used viewing area from the bluffs at Campus Point. The proposed stairway will be elevated above the fragile, sandy substrate on caissons that will be embedded in the sisquoc shale bedrock. This type of construction was used for a similar stairway from West Depression up to Manzanita village restoration area. Earlier attempts to use less-costly stairs such as railroad ties were unsuccessful on the sandy substrate.

In addition to enhancing access and protecting fragile resources, this stairway will include several viewing platforms which provide an opportunity for coastal enjoyment and interpretation of natural resources. The decking will be constructed from recycled plastic "wood". The eroded gullies currently traversing the slope will be stabilized and planted with coastal bluff scrub species.

The stairway location will greatly facilitate access and safety for a wide range of users, from campus students, staff and faculty, to community members (surfers, joggers, birders) and visitors. The stairway will complete the loop around the lagoon so that anyone can make the journey without climbing up the steep bank of the bluff or impacting local wetland resources along the lagoon shoreline. The students of UCSB have shown their support for this project by committing \$90,000 towards the project through the Coastal Fund which is one of the largest grants ever awarded by this group. In addition this project has the support of the Surfrider Foundation and the Santa Barbara Audubon Society.

Sincerely,

Tony Strickland  
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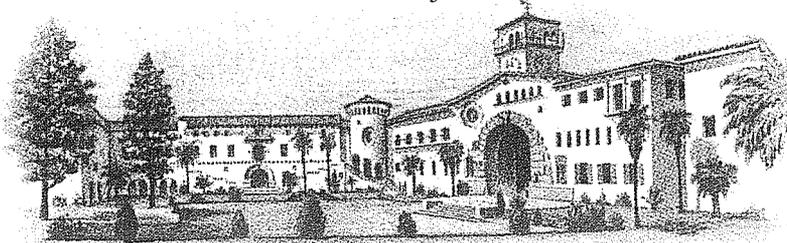
Sincerely,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be the initials "PN" or a similar representation of the name Pedro Nava.

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

July 12, 2010

Re: Campus Point Beach Access Stairway

Dear Chairperson Bosco,

I am writing to support UCSB's application for funding from the Coastal Conservancy to construct a boardwalk style stairway from Campus Point down an eroded bluff to Campus Beach. Initiated by the Cheadle Center for Biodiversity and Ecological Restoration (CCBER), this stairway will protect coastal bluff resources and enhance beach access from the bluffs at Campus Point. I especially appreciate the proposed design for the new stairway since it will be elevated above the fragile, sandy substrate on caissons embedded in the sisquoc shale bedrock. Similar construction was used for a stairway from West Depression up to the Manzanita village restoration area. Earlier attempts to use less-costly stairs such as railroad ties were unsuccessful due to the sandy substrate.

In addition to enhancing access and protecting fragile resources, this stairway will also include several viewing platforms from which the coastal landscape can be enjoyed. The decking will be constructed from recycled plastic "wood". Another benefit of the project includes stabilizing the existing eroded gullies on the slope using planted coastal bluff scrub species.

The Campus Point Beach Access Stairway project will greatly facilitate access and safety for a wide range of users. Students, staff and faculty, community members including surfers, joggers, birders and many other visitors will use the stairway to complete the loop around the lagoon. They will be able to make the journey without climbing up the steep bank of the bluff or impacting local wetland resources along the lagoon shoreline.

The students of UCSB have shown their support for this project by committing \$90,000 towards the project through the Coastal Fund which is one of the largest grants ever awarded by this group. In addition this project has the support of the Surfrider Foundation and the Santa Barbara Audubon Society. I hope you will join us in supporting this request for funding.

Sincerely,

Doreen Farr, Third District Supervisor



**Surfrider**  
**Foundation.**  
Isla Vista Chapter

July 13, 2010

Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chairman  
California Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, Suite 1300  
Oakland, CA 94612

Re: Campus Point Beach Access Stairway

Dear Chairperson Bosco,

My name's Niklas and I'm a co-chair for Surfrider Foundation, Isla Vista Chapter. On behalf of my group, which is simultaneously a part of Surfrider as well as a fully student club on campus for the University of California, Santa Barbara, I'd like to voice my support for the Campus Point stairway. We're all dedicated to our local beaches—preserving, protecting, and ensuring people get a chance to enjoy them—which is why I'm currently writing you.

Many of us know firsthand the problems associated with getting up and down that particular bluff, as we all use it frequently. Every time it rains, the trodden down and eroded paths students use to scale it become muddy, dangerous messes. As steep as the climb is, every step must be taken carefully to avoid tumbling. Even when it hasn't rained recently, the compact dirt is incredibly slippery, to the point where I'm always a little apprehensive going down it, despite having done it dozens of times before. Frankly, I'm surprised this problem hasn't been fixed already, as it is clearly a potential danger to students as well as the general public.

Having a stairway there would take care of this danger effectively and in the process help prevent the tremendous erosion occurring there as a result. This bluff is a popular and amazing part of the larger lagoon trail; our club would like to make sure it stays this way for future generations of students.

My only issue with this project is that I won't be around to enjoy it once I graduate next year. On behalf of IV Surfrider and the rest of the students of UCSB, I'd like to ask you to approve funding for the Campus Point stairwell project. It's definitely been a long time coming.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Niklas Edlinger'.

Niklas Edlinger  
Co-chair, Isla Vista Chapter  
Surfrider Foundation