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HENRY A. WAXMAN
30TH DISTRICT, CALIFORNIA

July 13, 2010

Mr. Doug Bosco
Chairman
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, Suite 1300
Oakland, California 94612-2530
Re: Cold Creek High Trail Acquisition
(File No. 10-005-01) August 5, 2010 agenda

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I am writing in support of the Mountains Restoration Trust (MRT) proposal for the use of Coastal Conservancy funding to acquire 78 acres of undeveloped property in the Cold Creek watershed, known as the Cold Creek High Trail Property, in the Santa Monica Mountains.

Due to its central location within the Cold Creek watershed, and because of its orientation and sun exposure, the 78-acre plot is one of the most biologically diverse areas in the Santa Monica Mountains. The property is home to riparian forests, dense scrub vegetation and grassland that support a wide variety of animal species and is an important corridor for wildlife. The MRT proposes to purchase the land through a mix of financing, and 77% percent of funding would come from private, local and federal sources.

MRT acquisition of the land, which abuts National Park Service, State, MRT and County parklands, will ensure protection of this unique natural habitat within the Santa Monica Mountains. The MRT has a long history of successfully purchasing and managing land in the Santa Monica Mountains. I hope you will give its request for funding to acquire Cold Creek High Trail Property every consideration consistent with applicable laws and regulations.

Sincerely,

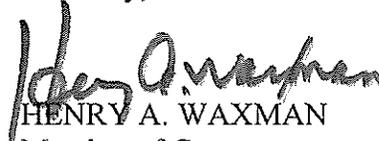

HENRY A. WAXMAN
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May 20, 2010

State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, Suite 1100
Oakland, CA 94612

To Whom It May Concern,

We are writing to express our support of the Cold Creek High Trail Acquisition Project application submitted by the Mountains Restoration Trust. This important acquisition is part of a long-term effort to restore Cold Creek as described in the State Coastal Conservancy-funded Cold Creek Restoration Plan.

In this densely populated area, preserving open space for both human recreation and ecological conservation is increasingly important. This 78-acre acquisition will preserve a 1.6-mile trail alignment as well as a critical segment of the wildlife corridors between Topanga and Malibu Creek state parks. This acquisition also contributes to the 1,065 acres of the Cold Creek Preserve, a critical part of the 3,500-acre core of parklands in the area.

This project is currently in escrow and depends on the approval of this request to realize its completion. We hope you will join us in support of this important project.

Sincerely,


Senator Fran Pavley
District 23


Assemblymember Julia Brownley
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SUPERVISOR, THIRD DISTRICT

July 1, 2010

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

Attention: Bob Thiel

Re: Cold Creek High Trail Acquisition
(File No. 10-005-01) August 5, 2010 Agenda

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I am writing in support of the staff recommendation to award a grant in the amount of \$573,000 to the Mountains Restoration Trust (MRT) to complete the funding for the acquisition of 78 acres of Cold Creek property. As the Supervisor for the 3rd district in the County of Los Angeles, I represent the Santa Monica Mountains within its entirety in the County. Funding toward the project in the amount of \$500,000 has been granted to the MRT from a competitive grant from the County's Proposition A 1996 park bond measure, and an additional \$800,000 from other County funds was similarly provided.

I urge your affirmative vote in adding this additional 78 acres to the already purchased 147 acres in the Cold Creek watershed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Zev Yaroslavsky", is written over the typed name and title.

ZEV YAROSLAVSKY
Supervisor, Third District

ZY:gkg



United States Department of the Interior

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401 West Hillcrest Drive
Thousand Oaks, California 91360-4207

In reply refer to:
N16 (SAMO)

May 18, 2010

State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, Suite 1100
Oakland, CA 94612

Sir / Madam:

The National Park Service, Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area strongly supports the Mountains Restoration Trust's (MRT) proposal to purchase and preserve a 78-acre property joining MRT, National Park Service, State Parks and County parklands in the Cold Creek Preserve.

Acquisition of this land would make an ecologically significant addition to the 1100-acre Cold Creek Preserve. Purchase of this parcel, situated near the head of Cold Creek would greatly enhance protection of what is widely recognized to be one of the most pristine watersheds in the Santa Monica Mountains. In addition, the property has great intrinsic ecological value. It contains a diverse assemblage of habitat types, including extensive riparian forest, coastal sage scrub, and locally uncommon higher elevation mixed chaparral.

Acquisition of this property would significantly advance the on-going MRT effort to acquire lands to create the Cold Creek High Trail. This trail will be an important link in the long-envisioned regional Calabasas-Cold Creek Regional Trail. With acquisition of this property, only 17 of the 243 acres necessary to create the trail will remain to be acquired. This property will be particularly important in that it will allow creation of a trail alignment that avoids stream crossings; preserving the unspoiled riparian habitat of Cold Creek.

The MRT has a long history of successful land acquisition and management in the Santa Monica Mountains. Acquisition of this property would be an important step forward in the effort to both preserve and open for public enjoyment the unique Cold Creek Canyon watershed. If you have any questions for us regarding this proposed acquisition, please call Christy Brigham, Chief of Planning, Science and Resource Management (805) 370-2339 or you may write her at christy_brigham@nps.gov.

Sincerely,

for 
Woody Smeck
Superintendent

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17 May, 2010

State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, Suite 1100
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Re: Acquisition of Sisson Property in Cold Creek, Los Angeles County

To Whom It May Concern:

We are writing in support of the acquisition of the Sisson property by the Mountains Restoration Trust. The sub-drainage of Cold Creek is a key perennial stream feeding Malibu Creek. On 9 May 1916 (the day before opening day of trout season) William Sartor caught a 30" steelhead trout in Cold Creek. Unfortunately, he tried to win the record for largest fish caught and was instead caught himself for fishing without a license and before opening day! (LA Times)

Although steelhead trout have not been able to reach Cold Creek since Rindge Dam was installed in the 1920's, the habitat remains suitable to support them, as well as numerous other species of special concern, including California newts, Two-striped garter snakes and California tree frogs. Cold Creek provides the best water quality found in the entire Malibu Creek Watershed. The reason these conditions persist is due to a healthy native plant community that covers the slopes.

The preservation of this critical wildlife linkage and functional habitat is key to the long-term sustainability and restoration of Malibu Creek. If this property is developed instead of preserved, the chance of ever having steelhead reach these spawning areas will be forever lost.

Sincerely,

Rosi Dagit
Senior Conservation Biologist