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Douglas Bosco, Chair
State Coastal Conservancy
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Oakland, California 94612

Re: Mendocino County Coastal Access Program, Phase II

Dear Doug:

I strongly support the Mendocino Land Trust's (MLT) application for Phase II funds for their Mendocino County Coastal Access Program. This grant will enable MLT to accomplish a variety of activities which will result in the creation of almost five miles of new coastal trail. It will also provide MLT with important funding for the monitoring and maintenance of its existing coastal trails with public access easements.

Since its inception 32 years ago, The Mendocino Land Trust has opened more coastal access sites than any other land conservation organization in the state. MLT has an excellent staff and a proven record for providing public access to the natural beauty of the California coast. The Land Trust has achieved this by developing strong collaborative relationships with a variety of agencies and organizations. Increased public access will be a great benefit to the residents of Mendocino County, tourists from around the world, and to the success of the local economy.

Thank you for your consideration of this very worthy proposal and for your continued support of public access and coastal conservation in California.

Sincerely,

MIKE THOMPSON
Member of Congress

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cc: Louisa Morris, Mendocino Land Trust

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

* Re: Mendocino Land Trust's application for Phase II funding for their Coastal Access Program

Dear Chairman Bosco:

As staff of the California Coastal Commission, I strongly support the Mendocino Land Trust (MLT)'s application for Phase II funding for their Mendocino County Coastal Access Program. This grant will enable MLT to construct and open to the public five new California Coastal Trail (CCT) segments within public access easements required by the Coastal Commission to mitigate the impact of private development upon public access. Completing the CCT is a high priority for both the Coastal Commission and the Coastal Conservancy. The grant will also allow MLT to construct stairway access to a rocky cove south of Fort Bragg, design and install two interpretive panels at Noyo Harbor, as well as construct a new coastal trail segment on MLT-owned property. Upon completion of these projects, MLT will have created approximately 4.6 miles of new coastal trail, completed in cooperation with the State Coastal Conservancy, California Coastal Commission, and other agencies and non profits.

This grant will also enable MLT to continue coastal trail easement negotiations with Caltrans and intervening private landowners for connecting coastal trails, as well as complete design, planning, and permitting for four newly acquired public access easements. This Conservancy funding will also assist MLT with monitoring and maintenance of its existing coastal trails within public access easements, an important task to ensure proper stewardship of public resources.

Mendocino Land Trust, now in its 32nd year, has opened more coastal access sites than any other land conservation organization in the state. MLT has an experienced staff and an excellent reputation for providing public access to the natural beauty of the California coast. This Phase II funding will enable MLT to continue its efforts to ensure coastal access for the residents of Mendocino County as well as visitors from all over the State and the world, contributing in a positive way to the success of our local economy and furthering the State's goal of maximizing public access to the coast.

Thank you for your consideration of this very worthy proposal.

Sincerely,



Linda Locklin
Coastal Access Program Manager

Cc: Mendocino Land Trust



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Re: Mendocino County Coastal Access Program, Phase II

Linda Hanes
Secretary
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Dear Mr. Bosco:

Mike Reilly
Treasurer
Sonoma County

I strongly support the Mendocino Land Trust (MLT)'s application for Phase II funding for their Mendocino County Coastal Access Program. This grant will enable MLT to construct five new California Coastal Trail (CCT) segments within public access easements on private property and a stairway access to a rocky cove south of Fort Bragg, design and install two interpretive panels at Noyo Harbor, as well as construct a new coastal trail segment on MLT-owned property.

Fran Gibson
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Upon completion of this project, MLT will have created approximately 4.6 miles of new coastal trail, in cooperation with the State Coastal Conservancy, California Coastal Commission, Caltrans, California Conservation Corps, California State Parks, Mendocino County Planning, Coastwalk, local non-profit land trusts, and MLT's volunteer trail crews.

Sarah Gurney
Sonoma County

Patrick Ward
Nevada County

Richard Nichols
Sonoma County

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Amy Purvis
Yolo County

John Woolley
Humboldt County

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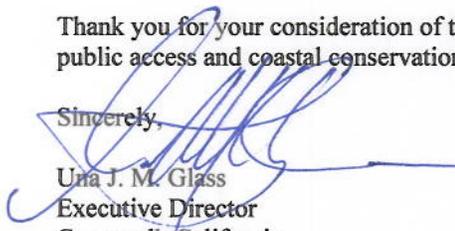
Una J. M. Glass,
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Sincerely,

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