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September 27, 2010

Doug Bosco, Chair, and Commissioners
Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, Suite 1300
Oakland, CA 94612

**Re: Funding to MRCA for public access stairway
at 24038 Malibu Road – SUPPORT**

Dear Chair Bosco and Commissioners:

As the Assemblymember representing the City of Malibu, I am pleased to write in support of the above grant request to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.

Construction of this public access stairway is a matter of public safety, first and foremost. Currently, the beach is accessed by a steep climb down the dirt bluff, which places users at some risk. The situation also limits public access to the beautiful wide beach at the Malibu Colony. The project also includes a wheelchair accessible viewing deck, which will be a great benefit to those who will still not be able to use the stairs, but will be able to enjoy the beautiful vista and interpretive signage.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

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JULIA BROWNLEY,
Assemblymember, 41st District

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**COASTAL CONSERVANCY
OAKLAND, CALIF.**





September 20, 2010

Mr. Doug Bosco
Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, suite 1300
Oakland, Ca 94612

Dear Mr. Bosco:

I am writing in support of the staff recommendation to authorize the Conservancy to provide funding to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority to construct a public beach access stairway on Malibu Road.

The Malibu Foundation for Environmental Education presents the Adopt-A-Beach School Assembly Program in Los Angeles. It is a comprehensive environmental education program that has been designed to motivate teachers and children to care about the beaches and oceans. The Program has been presented to about 632,000 children Statewide. Over 100,000 students have participated in our annual KIDS OCEAN DAY Adopt-A-Beach Clean-Ups in California.

We have worked very closely with the Commission and the Conservancy on the design of the access way to visually blend into the bluff face when viewed from the beach, and to provide easy access down the 35 foot-bluff. A small deck at the top of the stairs will provide viewing access for people in wheelchairs.

Neighbors and visitors going down the path to the beach and surf already use this site. It's sure to be well used once it is opened and legal, safe access is provided. There also is a great opportunity for school children to have access to the rocky intertidal habitat just offshore.

The opening of this access way completes full circle what our education effort is all about and is a "foot in the sand". By protecting open access to our shared resources and educating children to care for and accept stewardship for the beaches and oceans we are definitely creating conservationists that will carry on the work of a sustainable and healthy planet for all life.

I appreciate the Conservancy's role in opening beach access ways such as this. This project has been a long time in coming and we are very happy that these many years of work are finally paying off.

Thank you very much,

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Executive Director

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October 1, 2010

Douglas Bosco, Chairman
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I am writing in strong support of the transfer of the Malibu Rd. beach parcel to MRCA to develop and maintain—the proposal under consideration for the Oct. 21 meeting.

As a writer and as a Los Angeles Urban Ranger, I have worked to do public education about public beach access in Malibu for the last ten years or so. The Rangers led public beach "safaris" to do this during the past three years—in the past year with Coastal Conservancy funding—and I can testify both to the widespread hunger to use these public lands and to the equally common frustrations about the difficulty of doing so.

A key and obvious barrier, as you know, is the scarcity of accessways. By the state standard (every 1000 ft.), we should enjoy 100-plus access points along the 20 miles of public Malibu coast that are lined with private development. Yet this stretch enjoys only 17 working accessways, so that many people who live just across the street, even, have to drive two or more miles to get to the beach.

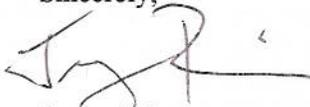
The Malibu Rd. site is especially well located to help address this deficiency. While the 2-plus mile road has five access points, all of them are located in the western half. The proposed staircase would allow the public finally to access and enjoy more than a mile of public coast that has essentially functioned for so long as a private beach.

The Rangers have taken hundreds of safari-goers to the beaches on the west half of Malibu Rd., and the participants uniformly have loved this stretch. It is narrow but quite beautiful (what beach in Malibu isn't beautiful?), and is rife with rock formations, birds, and other beachcombing delights.

I also want to express my support for MRCA as the authority to develop and manage the new access point. Unfortunately, the other accessways on Malibu Rd. have experienced intermittent problems with the gates being locked during daylight hours. MRCA's park-building experience, and its strong track record managing the accessways at Escondido and Lechuza beaches, offer encouragement that all public visitors will be able to use these stretches legally and safely from sunrise to sunset.

I am of course be happy to address any questions you may have. Thank you so much for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Jenny Price

Writer, Los Angeles Urban Ranger
Research Scholar, UCLA Center for the Study of Women

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