



December 21, 2010

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

**RE: LETTER OF SUPPORT – ELK RIVER ACCESS PROJECT**

Dear Mr. Bosco:

On behalf of Board of Directors of the Greater Eureka Chamber of Commerce I am writing to convey support for the City of Eureka's request for Conservancy funding for the above reference project.

The Elk River Access Project will transform an area characterized by informal trails, vacant lots, and old industrial storage yards to a trail corridor that will provide improved access to riverfront wildlife, paddling, picnic sites, interpretive opportunities and public art. This new trail corridor would connect to an existing trail in the Elk River Wildlife Sanctuary (ERWS.) It is a 300 acre preserve that protects Humboldt Bay's largest estuary and features wave-swept beaches, saltwater and freshwater marshes, and excellent shorebird viewing opportunities.

The Board believes that the proposed Truesdale Vista Point at the north end of the Elk River estuary will provide additional recreational destinations for visitors to our area. These trailhead and day use improvements will provide a coastal access gem for Eureka. The Project enjoys broad community support, and is the product of a collaborative effort involving planning, promotional, and fundraising efforts on the part of the City and a variety of community non-profit groups.

We recommend your favorable consideration for this project that will serve to open otherwise blighted areas to public appreciation of the ecological bounty that this area provides. If you have any questions or wish to discuss this recommendation in greater detail, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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J Warren Hockaday  
President/CEO

CC: Frank Jager, Mayor  
Mike L. Newman, Chairman  
David Tyson, City Manager

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December 6, 2010

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Oakland, CA 94612

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Re: Support for Elk River Access Project

Dear Mr. Bosco:

I am writing to express support for the City of Eureka's request for Conservancy funding for the Elk River Access Project.

The Elk River Access Project will transform an area characterized by informal trails, vacant lots, and old industrial storage yards to a trail corridor providing riverfront wildlife viewing, access for paddlers, picnic sites, interpretive information, and public art. This new trail corridor would connect to an existing trail in the Elk River Wildlife Sanctuary (ERWS), a 300 acre preserve that protects Humboldt Bay's largest estuary and features wave-swept beaches, saltwater and freshwater marshes, with excellent shorebird watching opportunities.

These trailhead and day use improvements will provide a coastal access gem for Eureka and Humboldt Bay. The Project is broadly supported, and has benefited from planning, promotional, and fundraising efforts by community non-profit groups.

I respectfully urge the Conservancy to help make this very worthwhile project a reality.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

*Wesley Chesbro*  
WESLEY CHESBRO  
Assemblyman, 1<sup>st</sup> District

cc: David Tyson, Eureka City Manager

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# Redwood Community Action Agency

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December 6, 2010

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California Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13th floor  
Oakland, CA 94612

Re: Support for Elk River Access Project Proposal

Dear Mr. Bosco:

The Redwood Community Action Agency would like to share wholehearted support for the City of Eureka's proposal to the State Coastal Conservancy to fund the Truesdale Vista Point and complementary efforts associated with the Elk River Access Project. We've enjoyed helping move the Elk River Access Project from vision to reality in partnership with the City since 2001.

In the next month, we expect to sign a contract with the State River Parkways Program to complete the southern majority of the Elk River Access Project - if all compliance proceedings occur as planned, by this summer, or at the latest next year. Together with the River Parkways grant, mitigation funds from PG&E help complete the rest of the Elk River Access Project except for the Truesdale Vista Point. The Vista Point is the important northern anchor of the project and is also the site of Eureka's only real 'beach' that is accessible to the public.

I would also like to commend the SCC, City and other partners for developing such an innovative, successful solution to relocating the homeless population that has in recent years become a major user group of the area. We are all working collectively to help the transition to a broader diversity of uses in the project area, with a predominance of public coastal access uses. The continuation of this program is very important to the success of these public access projects.

The public and community partners are ecstatic that big segments of the Eureka Waterfront Trail and Coastal Trail are moving forward to completion with the help of the State Coastal Conservancy. We encourage the Conservancy to help make this key public access point on the California Coastal Trail come to life. Please contact me with questions at [jen@nrsrcaa.org](mailto:jen@nrsrcaa.org) or 707.269.2060.

Many thanks for the continued support from and partnership with the State Coastal Conservancy to achieve north coast conservation and access projects!

Sincerely,

Jennifer Rice,  
Co-Director, Natural Resources Services Division



November 11, 2010

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

Re: Support for Elk River Access Project

Dear Mr. Bosco,

I am writing to express support for the City of Eureka's request for Conservancy funding for the Elk River Access Project. Humboldt Baykeeper is a Humboldt Bay and coastal environmental advocacy organization and we feel this project would greatly enhance the habitats around Humboldt Bay and provide greater access to our coastal resources.

The Elk River Access Project would transform an area characterized by informal trails, vacant lots, and old industrial storage yards to a trail corridor providing riverfront wildlife viewing, access for paddlers, picnic sites, interpretive information, and public art. This new trail corridor would connect to an existing trail in the Elk River Wildlife Sanctuary (ERWS), a 300 acre preserve that protects Humboldt Bay's largest estuary and features wave-swept beaches, saltwater and freshwater marshes, and excellent shorebird watching opportunities. The Project would improve the existing trail and trailhead in the ERWS, while removing invasive plant species and reducing volunteer trails that are harming rare plant communities. These improvements will provide a coastal access gem for Humboldt Bay. The Project is broadly supported, and has benefited from planning, promotional, and fundraising efforts by community non-profit groups.

I respectfully urge the Conservancy to help make this very worthwhile project a reality. Thanks in advance for your consideration.

For the Bay and the coast,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Pete Nichols', is written over a horizontal line.

Pete Nichols, Baykeeper and Executive Director





November 22, 2010

Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chair  
California Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13th floor  
Oakland, CA 94612

Re: Support for Elk River Access Project

Dear Mr. Bosco,

The Trails Trust of Humboldt Bay would like to express enthusiastic support for the City of Eureka's request for Conservancy funding for the Elk River Access Project. The Trails Trust has been working since 2005 toward bringing a variety of interest groups together to support establishment of a regional multipurpose trail system in the Humboldt Bay area, including the California Coastal Trail.

The Elk River Access Project has been a priority of the TTHB since the group's inception, as a keystone part of the Eureka Waterfront Trail, CA Coastal Trail and regional trail system. This project has broad and deep community support. The Trails Trust has led community cleanup efforts, public site visits and advocated for the Elk River Trail for over five years.

The proposed project will transform an area that is ironically little known to the public, being only two blocks from US 101 – and just south of the region's largest mall – from the unique, scenic and undeveloped coastal access site at the foot of Truesdale Street. The foot of Truesdale is currently a vacant lot adjacent to the only accessible beach in City Limits and the primary current public use is as an informal lunchtime parking area for those who know it exists.

We are deeply appreciative of the Conservancy's consideration to help the City transform this site from a former industrial area to a spectacular coastal access site, day use opportunity and trail. This will become one of the most accessible coastal access sites in Eureka for western residents and for through-travelers.

We encourage the Conservancy to help make this exciting project a reality. Please contact me with any questions at [info@trailstrust.org](mailto:info@trailstrust.org) or 442-1287. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Mike Buettner, President  
Trails Trust of Humboldt Bay



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November 30, 2010

Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chair  
California Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13th floor  
Oakland, CA 94612

Re: Support for Elk River Access Project

Dear Doug,

What a pleasure to write to you again after all these years! I'm glad to see that you are still involved in such a vital sector of public service.

For the first time, I am writing about something other than family planning. Keep Eureka Beautiful would like to express our support for the City of Eureka's request for Conservancy funding for the Elk River Access Project. We are just one of many groups which support a regional multipurpose trail system in the Humboldt Bay area, including the California Coastal Trail.

Trails are a priority of KEB and we see the Eureka Waterfront Trail as key to our regional trail system. I appreciate of the Conservancy's commitment to helping the City transform this site from a former industrial area to a spectacular coastal access site, day use opportunity and trail. This will become one of the most accessible coastal access sites in Eureka for western residents and for through-travelers.

I hope the Conservancy will help make this exciting project a reality.

Warmest regards,

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# California Native Plant Society

North Coast Chapter  
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December 6, 2010

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

Re: Support for Elk River Access Project

Dear Mr. Bosco,

I am writing to express support for the City of Eureka's request for Conservancy funding for the Elk River Access Project on behalf of the North Coast Chapter of the California Native Plant Society (CNPS). CNPS is a nonprofit organization of nearly 10,000 amateurs and professionals dedicated to the preservation of California's diverse native flora. CNPS conducts a variety of conservation efforts focused on long-term protection and preservation of native flora in its natural habitat. The North Coast Chapter encompasses Humboldt, Trinity, and Del Norte Counties, with many members in the Humboldt Bay area.

We strongly support the Elk River Access Project due to the coastal access it will provide, along with valuable opportunities for active recreation in the Eureka area. This project will provide riverfront wildlife viewing, access for paddlers, picnic sites, interpretive information, and public art. The Elk River Access Project will connect to an existing trail in the Elk River Wildlife Sanctuary, a 300 acre preserve that is one location for our chapter's public hikes due to its variety of plant habitats, particularly saltwater marshes and dunes.

I respectfully urge the Conservancy to help make this very worthwhile project a reality.

Sincerely,



Jennifer Kalt, Conservation Chair  
North Coast Chapter, California Native Plant Society



*Dedicated to the preservation of California native Flora*

# California State Senate

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December 3, 2010

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

**RE: City of Eureka – Truesdale Vista Point Project**

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I am writing to express my support for the **Truesdale Vista Point project (Project)** being proposed by the City of Eureka for funding consideration by the Coastal Conservancy.

The proposed project will allow the City of Eureka to complete construction of the Vista Point day use area and trailhead on Humboldt Bay. The Project reflects the input of a number of local and regional stakeholders who have been actively involved in the planning and design and design phases. When completed the Project will substantially improve public access to the coastal lands adjacent to Humboldt Bay and complete a segment of the California Coastal Trail.

I believe the Project to be one of great importance to the City, the community of Eureka and the overall regional Humboldt County community. I urge your favorable consideration of the City of Eureka's Truesdale Vista Point Project.

Sincerely,

PATRICIA WIGGINS  
Senator, 2nd District

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December 20, 2010

Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chair  
California Coastal Conservancy  
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Oakland, CA 94612

Re: Support for Elk River Access Project

Dear Mr. Bosco,

On behalf of the Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation and Conservation District (District), I am writing to express support for the City of Eureka's request for Conservancy funding for the Elk River Access Project. The District owns property adjacent to this Project and is happy to support the improvements proposed in the City's Elk River Access Project.

The Elk River Access Project would transform an area characterized by informal trails, vacant lots, and old industrial storage yards to a trail corridor providing riverfront wildlife viewing, access for paddlers, picnic sites, interpretive information, and public art. This new trail corridor would connect to an existing trail in the Elk River Wildlife Sanctuary (ERWS), a 300 acre preserve that protects Humboldt Bay's largest estuary and features wave-swept beaches, saltwater and freshwater marshes, and excellent shorebird watching opportunities. The Project would improve the existing trail and trailhead in the ERWS, while removing invasive plant species and reducing volunteer trails that are harming rare plant communities. These improvements will provide a coastal access gem for Humboldt Bay. The Project is broadly supported, and has benefited from planning, promotional, and fundraising efforts by community non-profit groups.

I respectfully urge the Conservancy to help make this very worthwhile project a reality. Thank you for considering this request.

Sincerely,

  
David Hull  
Chief Executive Officer

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