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February 11, 2011

Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chairman  
State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612  
Attention: Sam Jenniches

Dear Mr. Bosco:

I am writing to express my support for Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District's proposal to support planning and design of the East Slope Sonoma Mountain Ridge Trail.

It is my understanding that this project will greatly benefit the residents of California's Sixth District by developing a necessary trail while preserving the critical scenic, agricultural, and natural resources of our area. This project includes the improvement and development of an approximately 1.3-mile trail for hikers, mountain bikers, and equestrians, as part of the Bay Area Ridge Trail. The trail will connect to Jack London State Historic Park and ultimately link to the North Slope Sonoma Mountain Ridge Trail, Petaluma Adobe State Historic Park, and other publicly held lands. This proposal is an important step toward improving the accessibility of Sonoma Mountain.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact my grants coordinator, George Haralambopoulos, in my Santa Rosa office at (707) 542-7182.

Sincerely,



Lynn Woolsey  
Member of Congress

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JARED HUFFMAN  
ASSEMBLYMEMBER, SIXTH DISTRICT

February 18, 2011

Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chairman  
State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612  
Attention: Sam Jenniches

Dear Mr. Bosco:

I am writing to encourage the State Coastal Conservancy to approve the grant request by the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District (District) for \$55,000 for planning and design of the East Slope Sonoma Mountain Ridge Trail.

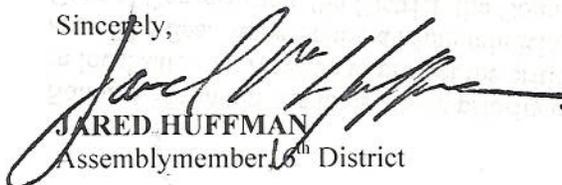
Sonoma Mountain has long been a priority of the District, which to date, has invested \$34 million in local sales tax revenue to protect the critical scenic, agricultural, and natural resources in this area. The East Slope Sonoma Mountain Ridge Trail project augments the continued efforts of the Coastal Conservancy, the District, the County, non-profits, and the community to provide recreational and educational access benefiting both Sonoma County residents and visitors.

This project includes the improvement and development of an approximately 1.3-mile trail for hikers, mountain bikers, and equestrians, as part of the Bay Area Ridge Trail. The trail will cross conservation easement properties and a property owned by the District, connecting to Jack London State Historic Park. Ultimately, the trail will connect with the North Slope Sonoma Mountain Ridge Trail, Petaluma Adobe State Historic Park, and other publicly held lands.

The trail will be designed to be sustainable, low-cost and low maintenance. Project features will incorporate native plant revegetation, erosion control, and invasive species and pathogen management. Volunteer involvement is a key element throughout the project, from planning and implementation through monitoring, maintenance, education and fundraising. The planning and community engagement process will serve as a model for a cost-effective, resource-sensitive, community-based approach to trail development that integrates biodiversity protection and enhancement.

Thank you for your serious consideration of the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District's funding request for the East Slope Sonoma Mountain Ridge Trail project.

Sincerely,

  
JARED HUFFMAN  
Assemblymember, 6<sup>th</sup> District

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February 15, 2011

Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chairman  
State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612  
Attention: Sam Jenniches

Dear Mr. Bosco:

The Sonoma County Board of Supervisors encourages the State Coastal Conservancy to consider the request by the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District to support planning and design of the East Slope Sonoma Mountain Ridge Trail.

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We appreciate your consideration of the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District's funding request for the East Slope Sonoma Mountain Ridge Trail project. Thank you for your support and assistance.

Sincerely,

  
Efrén Carrillo  
Chair, Board of Supervisors

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

February 7, 2011

Dear Chairman Bosco,

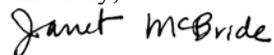
The Bay Area Ridge Trail Council (Ridge Trail Council) is pleased to serve in partnership with the State Coastal Conservancy (SCC), assisting with a grant program offering State funds for acquisition, planning leading to construction and construction of the Bay Area Ridge Trail. We are creating an uninterrupted 550+ mile multi use path on the ridgelines above San Francisco Bay and 330 miles are now dedicated for public enjoyment.

The East Slope Sonoma Mountain Ridge Trail project would provide significant public access and recreational benefits to local residents and visitors from around the world. When completed, it would be a 1.25+ mile long trail segment connected to 8.7 miles of existing trail segments and create 9 continuous miles of Ridge Trail on Sonoma Mountain, including trails in Jack London State Historic Park. The OSD and SCC, along with other funding partners, have contributed grant funds for each of these miles. One of the most unique aspects of this trail is that it would be the first Ridge Trail segment in Sonoma County to include public trails on private lands. Private landowners have generously donated each of the trail easements to the OSD.

On January 20, 2011, the Ridge Trail Council Executive Committee, acting on behalf of the Ridge Trail Council Board of Directors, endorsed a grant request from the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District (OSD) in an amount up to \$55,000 to help fund the final planning phase of the East Slope Sonoma Mountain Ridge Trail, in Sonoma County. This grant would be matched by approximately \$35,000 from the OSD. Upon completion of the phase funded by this grant, the Ridge Trail Council and the OSD will work in partnership with several other state and local agencies, non-profits and private donors to secure funds to complete the construction and dedication of the East Slope Sonoma Mountain Ridge Trail.

The Ridge Trail Council, our members, Bay Area residents and visitors, appreciate the SCC's partnership, continued support and commitment to public access and open space protection.

Sincerely,



Janet McBride, Executive Director  
Bay Area Ridge Trail Council

Cc: Bill Long, Chair, Ridge Trail Council

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February 16, 2011

Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chairman  
State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612  
Attention: Sam Jenniches

Dear Mr. Bosco:

LandPaths strongly encourages the State Coastal Conservancy to consider the request by the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District to support planning and design of the East Slope Sonoma Mountain Ridge Trail. This would be a continuation of the Conservancy's investment in Sonoma Mountain, including match funding for trail construction on the adjacent Jack London State Historic Park.

Sonoma Mountain has long been a priority of the District. The East Slope Sonoma Mountain Ridge Trail project augments the continued efforts of the Coastal Conservancy, the District, the County, and nonprofit organizations such as LandPaths to provide recreational and educational access benefiting both Sonoma County residents and visitors. Clearly, this is a not only a historic landscape, but a highly visible and regionally significant one offering views of Mt Tam, Mount Diablo and the San Francisco Bay.

This project includes the improvement and development of an approximately 1.3-mile trail for hikers, mountain bikers, and equestrians, as part of the Bay Area Ridge Trail. This section of trail is, in fact, one of the LandPaths' seminal projects starting in November of 1997, which brought together the BARTC, California State Parks and the District – along with nearly 100 community volunteers – to build a trail across both public and private lands high up on the eastern flanks of Sonoma Mountain.

As we are all painfully aware in this era of deflated public park budgets, volunteerism will be a key element throughout the project, from planning and implementation through monitoring, maintenance, education and fundraising. At the same time, we are buoyed by what such volunteer-powered projects provide to our community per the goodwill and good health engendered.

Thank you for your consideration of this great project!

Sincerely,



Craig Anderson  
Executive Director

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SONOMA  
COUNTY  
REGIONAL  
PARKS

CARYL HART, Ph.D.  
DIRECTOR

February 10, 2011

Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chairman  
State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612  
Attention: Sam Jenniches

Dear Mr. Bosco:

Sonoma County Regional Parks encourages the State Coastal Conservancy to consider the request by the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District to support planning and design of the East Slope Sonoma Mountain Ridge Trail.

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We appreciate your consideration of the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District's funding request for the East Slope Sonoma Mountain Ridge Trail project. Thank you for your support and assistance.

Sincerely,

Caryl Hart, Ph.D.  
Director  
Sonoma County Regional Parks

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SONOMA LAND TRUST

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February 10, 2011

Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chair  
State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612  
Attention: Sam Jenniches

966 Sonoma Avenue  
Santa Rosa, CA 95404  
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[www.sonomalandtrust.org](http://www.sonomalandtrust.org)

Dear Mr. Bosco:

The Sonoma Land Trust encourages the State Coastal Conservancy to consider the request by the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District to support planning and design of the East Slope Sonoma Mountain Ridge Trail.

Sonoma Mountain has long been a priority of the Land Trust and the District which, to date, has invested \$34 million in local sales tax revenue to protect the critical scenic, agricultural, and natural resources in this area. The East Slope Sonoma Mountain Ridge Trail project augments the continued efforts of the Coastal Conservancy, the District, the County, non-profits, and the community to provide recreational and educational access benefiting both Sonoma County residents and visitors.

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We appreciate your consideration of the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District's funding request for the East Slope Sonoma Mountain Ridge Trail project. Thank you for your support and assistance.

Sincerely,

Ralph Benson  
Executive Director

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February 17, 2011

Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chairman  
State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612  
Attention: Sam Jenniches

Dear Mr. Bosco:

The Sonoma Ecology Center strongly urges the State Coastal Conservancy to consider the request by the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District to support planning and design of the East Slope Sonoma Mountain Ridge Trail.

Sonoma Mountain has long been a priority of the Sonoma Ecology Center. The East Slope Sonoma Mountain Ridge Trail supports our mission, and will provide recreational and educational access benefiting residents and visitors. We have worked closely with the District and its partners to create a multi-use trail link across the east side of Sonoma Mountain for nearly 15 years. Through the District, our community has invested \$34 million in local sales tax revenue to protect critical scenic, agricultural, and natural resources in the area.

This project includes the improvement and development of an approximately 1.3-mile trail for hikers, mountain bikers, and equestrians, and will be part of the Bay Area Ridge Trail. The trail will cross conservation easement properties and a property owned by the District, connecting to Jack London State Historic Park. The trail will ultimately connect with the North Slope Sonoma Mountain Ridge Trail, Petaluma Adobe State Historic Park, and other publicly held lands.

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The Sonoma Ecology Center would sincerely appreciate your consideration of the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District's funding request for the East Slope Sonoma Mountain Ridge Trail project. Thank you for your support and assistance.

Sincerely,



Richard Dale  
Executive Director