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Mr. Doug Bosco
State Coastal Conservancy
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Dear Mr. Bosco,

On behalf of the 44th Congressional District, I would like to express my support for the efforts of the Santa Ana River Trail and Parkway Partnership. I strongly urge you to grant the Partnership's request for funding to complete the 100 mile long Santa Ana Rivers trail from the crest of the San Bernardino Mountains to the coast of the Pacific Ocean.

The Partnership formed in 2006, has been a dynamic presence in the watershed, spurring action and interest in the long dream of a regional trail. The Partnership leverages existing efforts by coordinating funding and project needs and soliciting public support throughout the watershed. The Partnership has already committed substantial local funding for the effort and is working with the federal government to garner additional funding and support.

As one of the main sponsors of the federal Santa Ana Rivers Mainstem legislation, I am very familiar with projects throughout the watershed. I have worked with the Partners since 2005 and am consistently impressed with their ability to get results. I am confident you will agree that this project merits funding and will provide a much needed infusion of state funding to the effort.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter. Please feel free to contact my office with any further questions.

Sincerely,

KEN CALVERT
Member of Congress

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May 2, 2011

Mr. Doug Bosco, Chairman
State Coastal Conservancy
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Dear Mr. Bosco:

I would like to offer my support and request your funding consideration for The Santa Ana River Trail. The funding requested would support completion of gaps in the 100 mile long Santa Ana River trail, an extremely important recreational project for Southern California.

The Santa Ana River Trail is an ambitious effort, creating a recreational greenbelt that will offer a welcome respite from rapidly urbanizing Southern California life. The trail will link parks and points of interest along the River from the Pacific Ocean to San Bernardino Mountains, providing a place for people to hike, jog, bicycle or just enjoy nature.

The presence of a regional trail will enhance the quality of life throughout the region by providing access to an outdoor recreational resource. This resource will contribute to a healthier lifestyle, raise environmental awareness in the area, and provide educational as well as recreational opportunities to child and adults. I strongly urge you to grant this request at the full funding level.

Thank you for your time and consideration of the Santa Ana River Trail project funding request.

Sincerely,

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Eugene Montanez
Mayor Pro Tem

Cc: Patricia Lock-Dawson

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April 28, 2011

Mr. Doug Bosco, Chairman
State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, #1300
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Bosco,

I am writing to request the Coastal Conservancy's support for funding toward completion of the Santa Ana River Trail and Parkway in the Prado Basin area, located in southern California at the juncture of Orange, Riverside, and San Bernardino Counties. The Santa Ana River Trail and Parkway Partnership has been actively engaged in developing portions of the parkway within each partners' jurisdictional boundaries. Completion of the Prado Basin segment will clear a major hurdle in making a "coast-to-crest" trail a reality.

The vision of a 100 mile long parkway that stretched from the San Bernardino Mountains to the Pacific Ocean has long been a dream of past and current stakeholders in the watershed. Completing the parkway has only recently become an attainable goal: the Counties and Cities along the river are working cooperatively as never before, pooling resources, and leveraging individual efforts and investments. The momentum to complete the parkway is building and the time is ripe to infuse the effort with much needed funding and state support.

The Santa Ana River serves a population of nearly 7 million people in an increasingly urbanized area with a known lack of regional parks and trails. The completion of the trail and parkway will bring much needed recreational opportunities to the region; provide alternative commuting options such as biking and walking in the face of growing gridlock; create habitats and oases of green for wildlife in an increasingly urban landscape; assist in achieving water quality improvement objectives along the river; and provide outdoor educational facilities to visitors and residents alike who are becoming increasingly disconnected from their natural environments

So I urge you to fully fund the proposal at the requested levels. The Partners have a proven track record of success in efficiently administering state bond funds, particularly with the Coastal Conservancy. The Partners have established cooperative working relationships with public and private partners throughout the watershed. In funding this project, you are providing yourself with the security of a job well done.

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COASTAL CONSERVANCY
OAKLAND, CALIF.

Sincerely,

John Tavaglione, Supervisor
Riverside County 2nd District



BILL CAMPBELL

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May 2, 2011

Mr. Doug Bosco, Chairman
State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, #1300
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Bosco:

On May 19, 2011, The Santa Ana River Trail and Parkway Partnership will formally submit a request to the State Coastal Conservancy for funding of the *Santa Ana River Trail and Parkway*. This letter is to ask for your consideration and support of this request which will help facilitate the completion of gaps in the 100 mile long Santa Ana River trail and to fund development of related parkway amenities.

The parkway is an ambitious effort, creating a recreational greenbelt that will offer a welcome respite from rapidly urbanizing Southern California life. The trail will link parks and points of interest along the river and give Southern Californians a place to hike, jog, bicycle, or just enjoy nature.

The presence of a regional trail will enhance the value of housing; attract businesses and employees to the area; provide alternative commuting options to a region with some of the worst traffic in the nation; and provide access to outdoor recreational amenities which will contribute to a healthier lifestyle and result in improved quality of life for the local community. The Santa Ana watershed, home to 7 million residents, is an ethnically diverse region and once completed, the trail will provide free and open space access to users of all income levels.

I strongly urge you to grant this request at the full funding level. The project complements the activities of groups such as ours in this region and helps us achieve our goals of providing outdoor recreational opportunities for all. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Bill Campbell
Supervisor, Third District

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OAKLAND, CALIF.



April 25, 2011

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

Dear Mr. Bosco,

I am writing on behalf of the Bicycle Club of Irvine, a 450 member club of cyclist who use the Santa Ana River Trail for both recreation and commuting. We would like to express our support for the funding to complete the gaps in the 100-mile long Santa Ana River trail and the related parkway amenities.

The presence of this regional trail will enhance the value of housing, attract businesses and employees to the area by providing Southern Californians a place to hike, jog, bicycle and enjoy nature. It is also an important commuting option to a region with some of the worst traffic congestion in the state (the 91 Freeway).

As the population of Southern California continues to grow and open space areas are reduced, it is increasingly important to conserve our natural resources and to provide opportunities for recreation in this area.

We strongly urge you to grant this request at the full funding level. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Board of Directors, Bicycle Club of Irvine

Laurie Ostrow, President

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Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority

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May 3, 2011

Terry Catlin
Commission
Chair

Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chairman
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, #1300
Oakland, CA 94612

Celeste Cantú
General
Manager

Dear Mr. Bosco:

Eastern
Municipal
Water
District

The Santa Ana River Trail Partnership is requesting funding for the completion of the Santa Ana River Trail and Parkway, a 100-mile-long trail extending from the San Bernardino Mountains to the Pacific Ocean. The partnership has developed a proposal that will bridge gaps in the trail and provide amenities to those using the trail.

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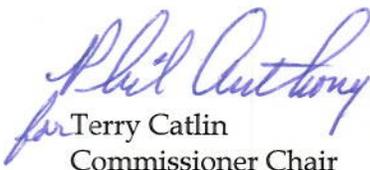
When complete, the Santa Ana River Trail will provide an important multi-use recreational resource to an urban population that is living in one of the fastest growing regions in the United States. The Santa Ana Watershed will soon be home to 7 million Californians and the Trail will provide free open space access to this diverse region. The Trail also provides linkages to regional trail systems and can provide alternative transportation options for those that wish to abandon our crowded freeways.

Orange
County
Water
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I urge you to fully fund the proposed trail package. This regional trail project complements the efforts of numerous groups within the region and allows us to reach our goal of a recreational trail system accessible to all.

San
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Sincerely,


for Terry Catlin
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Celeste Cantú
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May 2, 2011

Mr. Doug Bosco, Chairman
State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, #1300
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Bosco:

This letter is to ask for your consideration and support of The Santa Ana River Trail and Parkway Partnership's request for funding of the *Santa Ana River Trail and Parkway*. The request is to support completion of gaps in the 100 mile long Santa Ana River trail and to fund development of related parkway amenities.

The parkway is an ambitious effort, creating a recreational greenbelt that will offer a welcome respite from rapidly urbanizing Southern California life. The trail will link parks and points of interest along the river and give Southern Californians a place to hike, jog, bicycle or just enjoy nature. The presence of a regional trail will enhance the value of housing; attract businesses and employees to the area; provide alternative commuting options to a region with some of the worst traffic in the nation; and provide access to outdoor recreational amenities which will contribute to a healthier lifestyle and result in improved quality of life for the local community. The Santa Ana watershed, home to 7 million residents, is an ethnically diverse region and once completed, the trail will provide free access to open space and recreational amenities to area residents of all income levels.

I strongly urge you to grant this request at the full funding level. The project complements the activities of groups and jurisdictions such as the City of Redlands where we are currently using a grant from Caltrans and local resources to plan and develop a series of loop trails in our community that will use the Santa Ana River Trail and Parkway as the backbone of our system. These trails will help us and other communities in the region to achieve our goals of providing outdoor recreational opportunities for all. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Jon Harrison
Council Member

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OAKLAND, CALIF.

cc: Patricia Lock-Dawson, SAR Parkway Partnership



Riverside Land Conservancy



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The Riverside Land Conservancy is dedicated to the preservation of open space by seeking to identify, protect, and manage habitats of rare and endangered species, natural lands, and other sensitive sites throughout the Inland Southern California Region.

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Mr. Doug Bosco, Chairman
State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, #1300
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Bosco:

On behalf of the Riverside Land Conservancy, I would like to express our support for The Santa Ana River Trail and the Parkway Partnership's request for funding of the *Santa Ana River Trail and Parkway*. Full funding of this request would support the completion of gaps in the 100 mile long Santa Ana River trail and fund development of related parkway amenities.

The parkway is an ambitious effort, linking parks and points of interest along the river, giving Southern Californians a place to hike, jog, bicycle, or just enjoy nature. The presence of a regional trail will enhance the value of housing; attract businesses and employees to the area; provide alternative commuting options to a region with some of the worst traffic in the nation; and provide access to outdoor recreational amenities which will contribute to a healthier lifestyle and result in improved quality of life for the local community. The Santa Ana Watershed, home to seven million residents, is an ethnically diverse region and once completed, the trail will provide free and open space access to users of all income levels.

As the population of Southern California continues to grow and open space areas diminish, it is becoming increasingly important to conserve our important natural resources and to provide opportunities for recreation which value these resources.

I strongly urge you to grant this request at the full funding level. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Gail Egenes
Executive Director

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OAKLAND, CALIF.



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Please reply to:

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April 27, 2011

Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chairman
California State Coastal Conservancy
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Oakland, CA 94612-2530

Dear Mr. Bosco:

On behalf of the California Association of Bicycling Organizations (CABO), I am writing to ask for your consideration and support of the Santa Ana River Trail and the request for funding of the Santa Ana River Trail and Parkway. The request is to support completion of gaps in the 100 mile long Santa Ana River Trail and to fund development of related parkway amenities.

The Parkway will serve an important recreational function, linking multiple parks and points of interest, giving Southern Californians a place to hike, jog, bicycle, or to just enjoy nature.

Furthermore, the Trail and Parkway form the only non-motorized transportation route connecting north Orange County and Riverside County. As such, it is not only used by commuting bicyclists traveling between these two counties, but it is also used by long distance bicycle tourists from outside of the area, often as part of a coast to coast trip.

I strongly urge you to grant this request at the full funding level. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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Brian DeSousa
Vice President, California Association of Bicycling Organizations

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April 28, 2011

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

Dear Mr. Bosco,

On behalf of the Orange County Wheelmen, one of the largest recreational and racing bike clubs in Orange County and California. I would like to offer our support for continued funding on Proposition 84 for the completion of the Santa Ana River Bike Trail from Orange County to the Foothills in San Bernardino, both Phase II and Phase III.

Completing this regional multi-use trail will enable thousands of Bicycle commuters, athletes, and walkers of an uninterrupted path to the ocean and all stops in between. This arterial access through southern California will enable an even greater amount of safe travel for joggers, walkers, and cyclist's access to the inland empire.

When this trail was proposed to be closed for 2 years due to the 91 Fwy rebuilding project of the slope damage we knew there would be an immediate access loss to the inland empire area from Orange County. We stepped up our efforts to change the county plans of closure. We forced the agencies involved in this to develop a plan that would not interrupt this link. It is the only path that cyclists have to ride to Corona and the out lying area.

With the continued funding for Prop 84 for the completion there will be an un-interrupted commuter path from San Bernardino to Orange County. This will allow more cyclists a safer alternative to commuting to work and recreational areas on bicycles rather than the auto, thus resulting in less congestion on our local highways.

Thank you for your time in consideration of this most vital link in healthy commuting via the bicycle.

Sincerely,

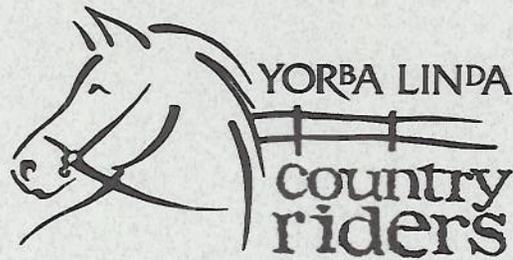
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Michael D. Lee, President
Orange County Wheelmen

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To educate, protect, promote and preserve all aspects regarding equestrian activities.

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

Dear Mr. Bosco,

April 22, 2011

As the President of The Yorba Linda Country Riders I am in full support of approval for funding the continued expansion of Santa Ana River Parkway and Trail. Yorba Linda's Master Plan has allowed the city to develop over 100 miles of recreational trails that allow pedestrians, cyclists and equestrian enthusiasts to enjoy the great outdoors. To be able to offer what Yorba Linda cherishes in our unique trail system to other communities will allow people of all ages to partake in recreational activities that may be otherwise very limited. Completing the Santa Ana River Parkway will also tie together many of the parks and trails that adjoin the Santa Ana River Trail. This will restore some of the ambience of rural life that has been destroyed by the encroachment of freeways and a growing population.

Families will be able to get together on the parkway whether it is to walk, ride a bicycle or ride on horseback. Completing the parkway also allows us the opportunity to show that horses are still alive in Orange County and to highlight our unique lifestyle. We would demonstrate that we enjoy a strong connection to the outdoors and a better quality of life, we may attract new businesses along with new residents to boost our local economy. We have some of the best climate in the entire country which enables residents to enjoy the parkway almost year round via a well designed trail system.

The equestrian community looks forward to the completion of the Santa Ana River Parkway and the opportunities to use and enjoy this wonderful resource.

Sincerely,

Dee Dee Friedrich
President/Yorba Linda Country Riders
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P. O. Box 166, Yorba Linda, California 92885-0166

April 15, 2011

Mr. Doug Bosco,
Chairman State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, #1300
Oakland, CA. 94612

Dear Mr. Bosco:

This letter is being written on behalf of the Goodrich CyclePaths Bicycle Club located in Riverside California. We would like to heartily express our support for the Santa Ana River Trail and Parkway funding request.

As President of the CyclePaths one of my duties is to put together bike rides that will encourage people that work at Goodrich Corporation and in the surrounding community to take up the sport of cycling.

As you may or may not be aware the traffic in the Inland Empire as a whole and in particular the city of Riverside has dramatically increased in the past few years and as a result it gets harder and harder to get people off the couch and onto a bicycle when they feel threatened by traffic. The Santa Ana River Trail is a perfect place for folks to learn how to ride and enjoy the experience vs. being in constant fear for their lives as they ride the streets.

The completion of the trail would not only enhance the ride experience by increasing the travel options it would also give families with young children a place to ride where they can introduce their kids to the outdoors and bike riding without the threat of traffic. This in turn could help develop in them a healthy lifestyle and an alternative to activities that require no physical activities.

I myself live in Orange County and commute to Riverside and know for a fact that if the bike trail were to be completed I would be riding my bike to work instead of driving my car. I also know of several people who live in Riverside and commute to Orange County that would abandon their cars and ride to work if the trail were completed. The section of the trail that is missing is perhaps the most critical in making this happen.

We would be sincerely grateful if you were to grant full funding for the completion of this most important bikeway.

Sincerely,



Dale Webster

President Goodrich Cyclepaths

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OAKLAND, CALIF.

California State Senate

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May 5, 2011

Mr. Doug Bosco, Chairman
State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, #1300
Oakland, CA 94612

Chairman Bosco:

I wish to express my strong support with regard to the Santa Ana River trail and Parkway Partnership's grant request for funding toward completion of the Santa Ana River Trail and Parkway in the Prado Basin area, located in southern California at the juncture of Orange, Riverside, and San Bernardino Counties. Completion of the Prado Basin segment will clear a major hurdle in making this "coast-to-crest" parkway a reality.

The Santa Ana Riverbed serves a population of nearly 7 million people in an increasingly urbanized area. The completion of the trail and parkway will bring much needed recreational opportunities to the region. As the region expands, the need to address quality of life issues for residents is significant. Creating a river trail and parkway, such as that envisioned along the Santa Ana River, will provide residents with the opportunity to hike and bike in areas which are removed from the hustle and bustle of our city streets.

The Southern California Association of Governments predicts that the Inland Empire will double its present population by the year 2020. The opportunity to develop a trail and parkway may soon be lost to development and higher costs. As an elected official, I am aware of the impact that our current generation's actions and decisions will have upon future generations. The Santa Ana River Trail and Parkway actually provides the opportunity to serve our future residents as well as our current population.

I fully support the Santa Ana River Trail and Parkway's grant request, and I ask that you give this request your full consideration

Sincerely,

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BOB DUTTON
Senator, 31st District

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May 1, 2011

Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chairman
California State Coastal Conservancy
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Re: Funding for Phase II work in Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino Counties for the Santa Ana River Parkway Study

Chairman Bosco:

Riverside Bicycle Club has been in existence since 1891 and our membership includes all types of cyclists from recreational, competitive and commuters. The Santa Ana River Trail (SART) has always been one of our main means and methods of enjoying safe cycling in Riverside and of taking our cycling adventures to areas other than Riverside, as well as commuting.

Hiking and biking promotes health and well-being. Cycling is a popular form of alternative commuting and the SART is our only non-vehicular avenue into Orange County. With more homes and industries being planned in our areas, these recreational pathways could become lost as our population continues to increase and highways expand.

We staunchly support and are excited by the vision, plans and work being done by the Santa Ana River Trail and Parkway Partnership. This group has been extremely successful in moving forward with the vision of a trail from the "mountains to the sea" which could become one of the longest commuter and recreational bikeways in the United States. This trail is something that many of us have been using for a long time and it is exciting that its completion may happen in our lifetime.

We ask for your consideration and support of Santa Ana River Trail and Parkway's grant request for study at the full-funding level.

Sincerely,



Roger Van Matre
Vice President, Riverside Bicycle Club



Christine Van Matre
Member, Riverside Bicycle Club



May 10, 2011

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

Dear Mr. Bosco:

As the Executive Director of Trails4All, a nonprofit organization dedicated to increasing awareness of issues related to the construction and maintenance of recreation trails and bike paths throughout Orange County and surrounding areas, I am writing to ask for your consideration and support of the Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino Counties' request for funding of the Santa Ana River Trail & Parkway. We are very supportive of this important project and see remarkable benefits from the trail's existence.

Trails4All conducted a Master Plan study of the Coyote Creek Bikeway, and as part of that study, had identified the importance of long regional trails and connections. A project of this scope provides multiple benefits, including:

- Several million residents live within a one hour drive of the Santa Ana River Parkway
- When complete the Parkway will eventually connect over 2 dozen local and regional parks
- Create one of the longest commuter and recreational bikeways in the US.
- Provide off-road commuter opportunities that do not yet exist
- Has the support of every city and county along the river including California Dept. of Parks and Recreation and the US Army Corps of Engineers.

I strongly urge you to grant this request at the full funding level. The project complements the activities of groups such as ours in this region and helps us to achieve our goals of providing outdoor recreational opportunities for all. Thank you for considering this worthy project. Please contact me should you have any questions or need any additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jim Meyer", with a long, sweeping underline.

Jim Meyer, Executive Director
Trails4All