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January 6, 2011

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

RE: FITZGERALD MARINE RESERVE COASTAL TRAIL AND BEACH ACCESS PROJECT

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I am writing to you in support of the San Mateo County Parks' Department application for grant funding for the Fitzgerald Marine Reserve Coastal Trail Project. A Coastal Conservancy grant of \$250,000 will match California State Park Bond Act grant funds to fully underwrite the project.

Over 125,000 visitors come to the James V. Fitzgerald Marine Reserve annually to experience the unique habitats and rich species diversity of the Reserve. With such a distinctive habitat, the Reserve provides unique and important educational and interpretive opportunities for all.

These attendance numbers pose both opportunities and challenges for the Reserve. The high volume of visitors provides for increased marine environmental and science education opportunities but also presents serious challenges in managing the environmental impacts of those visitors. The long-term goal of improving and diversifying the access to the Reserve is to inspire and educate students and visitors, foster protection of the Reserve and its fragile ecosystem.

This project will support public access by hikers, equestrians, and cyclists on a 1,500-foot-long ADA-accessible trail segment that will fill a gap in the thirteen miles of California Coastal Trail in mid-coast of San Mateo County.

The Fitzgerald Marine Reserve is one of California's most significant coastal resources and that is why it requires safe and accessible routes to bring visitors through the Reserve and to resources within the Reserve without posing threats to natural or cultural resources.

I thank you for your attention to this matter. If I or my office may be of any additional assistance, please do not hesitate to contact my District Director, David Burruto, at (650) 340-8840.

Sincerely,

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LELAND Y. YEE, Ph.D.

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Exhibit 4: Project Letters
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January 7, 2011

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

RE: FITZGERALD MARINE RESERVE COASTAL TRAIL PROJECT

Dear Mr. Bosco:

I enthusiastically support San Mateo County Department of Park's \$250,000 grant application for construction of the Fitzgerald Marine Reserve Coastal Trail. The project supports the Department's long term vision for interpretation, recreation and other visitor amenities at the Reserve.

More than 125,000 people visit the James V. Fitzgerald Marine Reserve each year to view the Reserve's intertidal life, including about 23,000 students from more than 100 local schools. These visitors need safe, accessible and low impact recreational and education opportunities at the Fitzgerald Marine Reserve that protect the fragile native inhabitants.

This Coastal Trail project will greatly enhance visitor access to the very popular Fitzgerald Marine Reserve from a new 1,500-foot-long multiple-use section of California Coastal Trail that includes a bridge over San Vicente Creek. The trail will easily accommodate the large number of pedestrians, people walking leashed dogs, bicyclists and equestrians that enjoy this area.

Thank you for your consideration of this project.

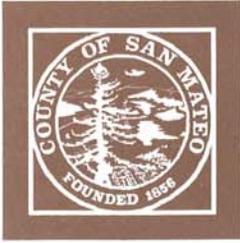
Sincerely,

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Jerry Hill
Assemblymember, 19th District



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March 7, 2011

California Coastal Commission
North Central Coast District Office
45 Fremont Street, Suite 2000
San Francisco, CA 94105-2219

Re: Accessible trail at Fitzgerald Marine Reserve

Dear Commission:

Although the Civil Rights legislation known as the American with Disabilities Act (ADA) was signed into law in 1990, the Fitzgerald Marine Reserve in San Mateo County remains inaccessible to those with mobility challenges. The San Mateo County Parks Department, under Director Dave Holland, has worked for three years with the San Mateo County Commission on Disabilities (CoD) to correct this and create a multi-use trail that will allow every resident and visitor to our county's most beautiful Reserve public access.

In addressing the problem, the County Parks Department not only took into account the ADA requirements, but also tried to work with a group of local residents and neighbors who were vocal in their opposition to any change in the park. The plan now calls for an eight-foot wide path with a surface that will remain passable to wheelchairs, strollers and bicyclists in wet weather. While this is below the County Trail Guidelines of recommended 12-foot width and a minimum of ten feet for multi-use trails, we agree with the San Mateo County Parks and Recreation Commission's approval and the San Mateo County Planning Commission's approval of the trail being reduced in width to eight feet due to the environmental sensitivities of the site. However, we do feel strongly that the width should not be reduced any further.

In addition, there is a planned bridge that is at the same grade as the path and not dropped four vertical feet below the level of the path, as the temporary bridge is now. This placement recognizes that, if the creek widens further, the temporary bridge will have to be removed; thus, preventing all access. The proposed 60-foot long clear span bridge outside of the creek banks and above the flood zone is a long-term solution. Where there is sensitive habitat, the proposed Coastal Trail will be cut into the hillside to avoid or reduce impacts to ferns that the County Parks has agreed to remove and relocate if impacted by the trail development. Even the Dusky Footed Wood Rat was considered in this plan. The Commission on Disabilities strongly supports the Coastal Trail as approved by the County Park and Recreation Commission and the County Planning Commission and hopes that you will, too.

Sincerely,

Carole Groom
President, Board of Supervisors
Liaison, San Mateo County CoD

Susy Castoria
President, San Mateo County CoD

cc: Gary Lockman, Superintendent, San Mateo County Parks Division
Sam Herzberg, Senior Planner, San Mateo County Parks Division
Samuel P. Schuchat, Executive Director, California Coastal Conservancy



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Board of Supervisors:

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January 18, 2011

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

Dear Mr. Bosco;

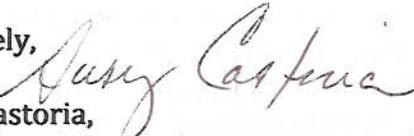
On January 12, 2011 the San Mateo Planning Commission approved the San Mateo County Parks plan to improve a trail at the Fitzgerald Marine Reserve. This is very exciting because the plan includes an ADA accessible trail along the eastern rim of the park. This multiuse trail will be tied into the California Coastal Trail. The San Mateo County Commission on Disabilities has been a strong and vocal supporter of this plan for many reasons and is now hoping to help secure funding with this letter to you.

Using government statistics there are approximately 140,000 people in our county with disabilities. The largest group of that number have mobility challenges and cannot get out and hike Montara Mountain or jog on the local beaches. To be able to visit a local county park that allows one to travel slowly through the fern groves, watch the birds in the cypress or watch the waves washing over the tide-pools cannot be overvalued.

Of our 18 commissioners we have two who have never been to a beach. Both of them are in heavy electric wheelchairs. When asked to comment on the trail Ben McMullen from Center for Independence said, "Accessibility to any public space is crucial, it promotes both physical wellness as well as includes all citizens in the fabric of life." Jessica Mammone said, "Having access to the beauty of Coastal California is a benefit most residents enjoy, but ensuring accessibility to those who are barred due to disability is a responsibility we owe those individuals. All California citizens are entitled to enjoy the beauty of this unique reserve."

The Commission hopes that San Mateo County Parks can secure funding and begin this project soon.

Sincerely,


Susy Castoria,
President of the Commission on Disabilities

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- Memorial Park
- Mirada Surf
- Pescadero Creek Park
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December 7, 2010

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

Re: Fitzgerald Marine Reserve Coastal Trail

Dear Mr. Bosco,

On behalf of the San Mateo County Parks Foundation, I am writing to support Coastal Conservancy funding for the Fitzgerald Marine Reserve Coastal Trail.

The long term vision for the Reserve is engaging programs that instill a stewardship ethic that stays with the visitor forever. Inspiring and educating visitors, fostering protection of the Reserve and increased preservation of our ocean ecosystem is the ultimate impact of the educational programs at the Reserve.

Providing safe access so that visitors from the San Francisco Bay Area, California, other US States and world travelers as well as the numerous school groups that visit each year can learn and be inspired is critical to the mission of inspiring stewardship.

The Fitzgerald Marine Reserve Coastal Trail project will also improve access for those with limited mobility. While the Reserve is known for its tide pools, it also offers numerous vistas of the ocean. The project will provide an access for those with limited mobility to view a harbor seal haul-out and birthing area as well as safe access along a creek with native plants and bird populations.

We are lucky to live on the California coast but we know it is not ours alone to enjoy. It is a national and international treasure. Conservancy funding for this treasure will help the efforts to protect it so that we may continue to share it with those who visit from other states and countries.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Julia Bott
Executive Director



December 15, 2010

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

Dear Mr. Bosco,

On behalf of the Friends of Fitzgerald Marine Reserve, it is my pleasure to write a letter in support of funding for the Fitzgerald Marine Reserve Coastal Trail being submitted to the California State Coastal Conservancy by the San Mateo County Department of Parks.

The Fitzgerald Marine Reserve (FMR) in Moss Beach, CA receives over 100,000 visitors annually. Our Volunteer Naturalists lead 5,000 school children on interpretive tours of the tide pools at FMR. Improvements to the trail, along with the installation of a permanent bridge over San Vicente Creek, will provide safe and reliable access to the Seal Cove portion of FMR where many of the tide pool tours begin. Improvements to the trail will also provide multi-use access by accommodating pedestrians, equestrians, and cyclists.

In conclusion, the Friends of Fitzgerald Marine Reserve fully support the efforts of the San Mateo County Department of Parks as they seek funding to provide safe access across San Vicente Creek and improve the California Coastal Trail between North Lake Street and Cypress Avenue in Moss Beach, CA.

Sincerely,

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Ellen Gartside
President, Friends of Fitzgerald Marine Reserve

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COASTAL CONSERVANCY
OAKLAND, CALIF.

Patricia Erickson

P.O. Box 6

Moss Beach, CA 94038

March 6, 2011

Douglas Bosco, Chairman

Coastal Conservancy

1330 Broadway

Oakland, CA 94612

Mr. Douglas Bosco

I am writing to support the appeal **A-2-SMC-11-010 (Fitzgerald Marine Reserve)** the section of **Dardenelle Trail** nearest the fern grove / wetland area.

The Dardenelle Trail is unlike other open space that has been developed – it is a Reserve that needs to be protected.

The location of the proposed bridge entering / existing into a residential area needs to be relocated into the parking lot already present in the Reserve.

I am certain you will consider these concerns and raised issues prior to your vote of acceptance of the ruling of no substantial issue and the adoption of the stated findings.

Sincerely,



Patricia Erickson

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COASTAL CONSERVANCY
OAKLAND, CALIF.

From: Chris & Hollie Dunham
142 Orval Ave
Moss Beach, CA 94038

11 April 2011

Subj: **Dardanelle Trail (Moss Beach, CA)**

To: California Coastal Commission
Northern Central Coast District Office
45 Fremont St, Suite 2000
San Francisco, CA 94105-2219

Dear Commissioners,

We're writing to support the upgrade as proposed by the San Mateo Parks Department. Previously we've written the San Mateo Parks Department to support their planning and have offered to write others involved in the approval process. Now is the time to write to you.

Our family and friends have been enjoying the trails near the Fitzgerald Marine Reserve for over 10 years now. We really appreciate the new, safe steps leading to the beach near Seal Cove. It is an example of great planning and execution. What we saw related to the Dardanelle Trail improvement also seemed well thought out and planned.

We respectfully disagree with Sabrina Brennan's appeal of the plan. She does not speak for us and she is one of the individuals responsible for a narrower (we're agnostic about 8' versus 10' but the Parks Department made a convincing case the latter made sense), more expensive and less durable path in the proposal before the Commission. As taxpayers we didn't appreciate that change.

We expect you are obligated to weigh public comments as well as rules and regulations. We have provided input on the former, but have no expertise related to the latter. However, one "thought experiment" we'd leave you with is this. Imagine if the 8' trail and safe bridge had been part of the way residents and visitors had accessed this part of the coast for some time (say 10 years or so). Now imagine that someone would like to reduce the path width. I suspect you can easily anticipate how the community would respond and trust in this instance you'll do the best to provide safe and accessible access to this part of the coast.

Thanks for your time.



Chris & Hollie Dunham
142 Orval Ave
Moss Beach, CA 94038

cc: San Mateo Parks Department