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

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I am writing to express my support for the Sonoma County Regional Parks' grant application for a Bay Area Ridge Trail Coastal Conservancy Grant to develop a critical link between Hood Mountain up to and crossing State Highway 12.

It is my understanding that funding for this project will provide for .3 miles of new and fully multi-use Ridge Trail. This project will open a critical connection of the more than 550 mile San Francisco Bay Area Ridge Trail, connecting Hood Mountain Regional Park and Open Space Preserve with Santa Rosa and Annadel State Park. It would also establish a safe and accessible route across Highway 12 for hikers, bicyclists, and equestrians.

This extension would connect to Sonoma County Transit and would provide open space and access to trails for the local Oakmont community. Trail grades and compacted aggregate surface would also make the trail accessible and ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) compliant.

The County Regional Parks is ready well positioned to execute this project. Environmental Review is complete and a Caltrans Encroachment Permit has been granted. It is my understanding that the project is estimated to be completed by the end of 2012.

I support these efforts and believe this project will greatly benefit the Sixth Congressional District. Please give this application your full and careful consideration. 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

cc: Betsy Wilson, State Coastal Conservancy  
Dee Swanhuysen, Bay Area Ridge Trail Council  
Caryl Hart, Sonoma County Regional Parks Director

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

**RE: Bay Area Ridge Trail, Hood Mountain to Highway 12**

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I write in support of Sonoma County Regional Parks and their grant application for a Bay Area Ridge Trail Coastal Conservancy Grant to develop a critical link between Hood Mountain and crossing State Highway 12.

The Bay Area Ridge Trail Highway 12 Extension Project will construct .3 miles of new and fully multi-use Ridge Trail. This project will open a critical connection of the 550+ mile San Francisco Bay Area Ridge Trail, connecting Hood Mountain Regional Park and Open Space Preserve with Santa Rosa and Annadel State Park. This project will create a safe and accessible route for hikers, bicyclists, and equestrians including a safe route across the busy Highway 12.

The proposed trail will connect to five miles of Hood Mountain Ridge Trail, constructed in 2006 with the Conservancy's support. This extension connects to Sonoma County Transit, facilitating Transit to Trails. The trail also connects the local Oakmont community with open space and an extensive existing trail network. The gentle trail grades and compacted aggregate surface will make the trail accessible and ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) compliant.

The environmental review process for this project has been completed and a Caltrans Encroachment Permit has already been processed. With the necessary additional funding, this extension is estimated to be completed by the end of 2012.

I trust the Conservancy will give this proposal its full and careful consideration, and grant the funds necessary to move this project forward. I greatly appreciate your consideration of this award. Please do not hesitate to contact my District Director, Ed Sheffield, at (707) 576-2771 with any questions you may have regarding my support for this proposal.

Yours very truly,

NOREEN EVANS  
 Senator, 2nd District

cc: Betsy Wilson, State Coastal Conservancy  
 Dee Swanhuysen, Bay Area Ridge Trail Council  
 Caryl Hart, Sonoma County Regional Parks Director

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August 25, 2011

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

RE: Bay Area Ridge Trail, Hood Mountain to Highway 12

Dear Chairman Bosco:

This letter is to lend my support to Sonoma County Regional Parks' grant application for a Bay Area Ridge Trail Coastal Conservancy Grant to develop a critical link between Hood Mountain up to and crossing State Highway 12.

The Bay Area Ridge Trail Highway 12 Extension Project will construct .3 miles of new and fully multi-use Ridge Trail. This project will open a critical connection of the 550+ mile San Francisco Bay Area Ridge Trail, connecting Hood Mountain Regional Park and Open Space Preserve with Santa Rosa and Annadel State Park. This project will create a safe and accessible route for hikers, bicyclists, and equestrians including a safe route across the busy Highway 12.

The proposed trail will connect to five miles of Hood Mountain Ridge Trail, constructed in 2006 with the Conservancy's support. This extension connects to Sonoma County Transit, facilitating Transit to Trails. The trail also connects the local Oakmont community with open space, and an extensive existing trail network. The gentle trail grades and compacted aggregate surface will make the trail accessible and ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) compliant.

This project is ready to proceed as soon as funding is secured. Environmental Review is complete and a Caltrans Encroachment Permit has been granted. Including final design and construction work and two volunteer events, this project is estimated to be completed by the end of 2012.

This project will greatly benefit the 7<sup>th</sup> Assembly District, and will improve the quality of life for the members of my district. I urge you to give this application your full and careful consideration.

Sincerely,

Michael Allen  
 Assistant Majority Leader, State Assembly.

cc: Betsy Wilson, State Coastal Conservancy  
 Dee Swanhuysen, Bay Area Ridge Trail Council  
 Caryl Hart, Sonoma County Regional Parks Director

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

August 16, 2011

Dear Chairman Bosco,

The Bay Area Ridge Trail Council (Ridge Trail Council) encourages the State Coastal Conservancy (SCC) to approve the grant request by Sonoma County Regional Parks (Regional Parks) to help them construct a segment of the Bay Area Ridge Trail (Ridge Trail) in Sonoma County's Valley of the Moon between Hood Mountain up to and crossing State Highway 12.

There are 550 miles of Ridge Trail planned along the ridgetops surrounding the San Francisco Bay. The Highway 12 Extension Project will construct .3 miles of new multi-use trail, add an additional segment to the existing 330 miles of dedicated Ridge Trail throughout the nine county Bay Area and help complete a critical connection from Hood Mountain Regional Park to Santa Rosa and Annadel State Park.

This project will create a safe and accessible off road trail route and provide a user activated signal crossing of Highway 12. This project connects to Sonoma County Transit, facilitating Transit to Trails. The trail also connects the local Oakmont retirement community with open space, and an extensive existing trail network. The gentle trail grades and compacted aggregate surface will make the trail accessible and ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) compliant.

The Ridge Trail Council, our members and Bay Area residents and visitors appreciate the SCC's consideration of Regional Park's request for these funds and thank you for your continued support and commitment to public access and open space protection.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Dee Swanhuysen". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dee Swanhuysen, North Bay Trail Director  
Bay Area Ridge Trail Council

Cc: Bill Long, Chair, Ridge Trail Council