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July 6, 2011

Doug Bosco, Chairman
State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, California 94512
Attn: Betsy Wilson

Dear Mr. Bosco:

I am writing in support of a request for funding submitted by the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District for planning and design of the Calabazas Creek Open Space Preserve Trail System Plan. The project would involve approximately 6 miles of trail in Sonoma Valley that will be part of the Bay Area Ridge Trail and available to hikers, mountain bikers and equestrians. By design, the trail will be low cost, low maintenance and sustainable.

The trail will be part of the system that connects Sugarloaf Ridge State Park and Hood Mountain Regional Park with the North Slope Sonoma Mountain Ridge Trail, Petaluma Adobe State Historic and other publically held lands in the area.

The Conservancy has already invested in trail construction in nearby Jack London State Historic Park and for planning and design of the East Slope Sonoma Mountain Ridge Trail. Approving this request would be a continuation of that commitment.

Thank you for your consideration and please let me know if I can answer any questions or provide you with additional information.

Sincerely,

MIKE THOMPSON
Member of Congress

MT:cd

Thank you in advance for your consideration of my request

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July 6, 2011

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

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I strongly support the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District funding request to support planning and design of the Calabazas Creek Open Space Preserve Trail System Plan -- a continuation of the Conservancy's investment in the area, including funding for trail construction on the adjacent Jack London State Historic Park and for the planning and design of the East Slope Sonoma Mountain Ridge Trail.

Calabazas Creek has long been one of the District's priorities. The Calabazas Creek Open Space Preserve Trail System will provide recreational and educational access benefiting residents and visitors. As you may know, the District has invested \$9 million in local sales tax revenue to protect critical scenic, agricultural, and natural resources in Sonoma Valley.

This project includes the design and alignment of an approximately 6-mile trail for hikers, mountain bikers, and equestrians that will be incorporated into the Bay Area Ridge Trail. The trail will cross District Preserve lands and will be separated by only one parcel from the alignment of the Bay Area Ridge Trail through Sugarloaf Ridge State Park and Hood Mountain Regional Park. The trail will ultimately connect with the North Slope Sonoma Mountain Ridge Trail, Petaluma Adobe State Historic Park, and other publicly held lands and will provide additional connections to the Bay Area Ridge Trail.

The trail will be designed to be sustainable, low-cost, and low maintenance with native plant revegetation, erosion control, and invasive species and pathogen management. Volunteers will participate throughout the project, from planning and implementation through monitoring, maintenance, education and fundraising. The planning and community engagement process will be a model for a cost-effective, environmentally-sensitive, community-based approach to trail development.

Thank you for considering this very worthy project.

Sincerely,

Noreen Evans
Senator, 2nd District

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MICHAEL ALLEN
ASSISTANT MAJORITY FLOOR LEADER
ASSEMBLYMEMBER, SEVENTH DISTRICT

July 7, 2011

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

Dear Chairman Bosco:

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

Calabazas Creek has long been a top priority in Sonoma County. The Calabazas Creek Open Space Preserve Trail System will provide recreational and educational access benefiting residents and visitors. Through the Agricultural Preservation & Open Space District, our community has invested \$9 million in local sales tax revenue to protect critical scenic, agricultural, and natural resources.

This project includes the design and alignment of an approximately 6-mile trail for hikers, mountain bikers, and equestrians that will be part of the Bay Area Ridge Trail. The trail will cross District Preserve lands and will be separated by only one parcel from the alignment of the Bay Area Ridge Trail through Sugarloaf Ridge State Park and Hood Mountain Regional Park beyond that. The trail will ultimately connect with the North Slope Sonoma Mountain Ridge Trail, Petaluma Adobe State Historic Park, and other publicly held lands and will provide additional connections to the Bay Area Ridge Trail.

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 is likely to serve as a model for a cost-effective, resource-sensitive, community-based approach to trail development that integrates biodiversity protection and enhancement.

I would sincerely appreciate your consideration of the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District's funding request for the Calabazas Creek Open Space Preserve Trail System Plan.

Thank you for your support and assistance.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL ALLEN
Assemblymember, 7th District

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25 May 2011

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

Dear Mr. Bosco:

We strongly urge 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 Calabazas Creek Open Space Preserve Trail System Plan. This would be a continuation of the Conservancy's investment in the area, including match funding for trail construction on the adjacent Jack London State Historic Park and funds for the planning and design of the East Slope Sonoma Mountain Ridge Trail.

Calabazas Creek is included as a potential unit of the State Parks System in the Sugarloaf Ridge State Park General Plan. The Calabazas Creek Open Space Preserve Trail System will provide recreational and educational access benefiting residents and visitors. We have worked closely with the District and its partners to provide access in Sonoma Valley and to complete key linkages of the Bay Area Ridge Trail. The trail will cross District Preserve lands and will be separated by only one parcel from the alignment of the Bay Area Ridge Trail through Sugarloaf Ridge State Park and Hood Mountain Regional Park. The trail will ultimately connect with the North Slope Sonoma Mountain Ridge Trail, Petaluma Adobe State Historic Park, and other publicly held lands and will provide additional connections to the Bay Area Ridge Trail. The trail will be designed to be sustainable, low-cost, and low maintenance.

State Parks would sincerely appreciate your consideration of the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District's funding request for the Calabazas Creek Open Space Preserve Trail System Plan. Thank you for your support and assistance.

Sincerely,

Stephen Bachman,
District Superintendent V (Acting)
Diablo Vista District
845 Casa Grande Road
Petaluma, CA 94954

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

August 16, 2011

Dear Chairman Bosco,

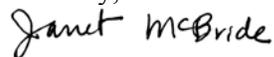
The Bay Area Ridge Trail Council (Ridge Trail Council) encourages the State Coastal Conservancy (SCC) to approve the request by the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District (District) to help them complete the design and planning of the Bay Area Ridge Trail (Ridge Trail) in the Calabazas Creek Open Space Preserve.

The 1300-acre Calabazas Creek Open Space Preserve (Preserve) property was purchased by the District in 2004 with the expressed intent of providing public trails on the ridgelines above Sonoma Valley. The grant will help provide the funds needed to develop a trail system enabling the District to create a 3 mile segment of the Ridge Trail along the Mayacamas Mountains ridgeline and open the Preserve to the public in the next 2-3 years. A large staging area near Highway 12 will be designed and planned as part of the system along with a 3 mile connector trail running from the Ridge Trail to the staging area. The trail will be separated by only one parcel from the alignment of the Bay Area Ridge Trail through Sugarloaf Ridge State Park and Hood Mountain Regional Park beyond that. The trail will ultimately connect with the North Slope Sonoma Mountain Ridge Trail, Petaluma Adobe State Historic Park, and other publicly held lands and provide connections to the other 330 miles of Ridge Trail already enjoyed by the public throughout the Bay Area.

Volunteer involvement is a key element to the success the project, from planning and implementation through monitoring, maintenance, education and fundraising. The planning and community engagement process is likely to serve as a model for a cost-effective, resource-sensitive, community-based approach to trail development that integrates biodiversity protection and enhancement.

The Ridge Trail Council, our members and Bay Area residents and visitors appreciate the SCC's consideration of the District's request for these funds and thank you for your 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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VALERIE BROWN
FIRST DISTRICT SUPERVISOR

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July 12, 2011

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

Dear Mr. Bosco:

We strongly urge the State Coastal Conservancy to consider the request by the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District (District) to support planning and design of the Calabazas Creek Open Space Preserve Trail System Plan. This would be a continuation of the Conservancy's investment in the area, including the matching funds for trail construction on the adjacent Jack London State Historic Park and for the planning and design of the East Slope Sonoma Mountain Ridge Trail.

The Calabazas Creek Open Space Preserve Trail System will provide recreational and educational access benefiting residents and visitors, and continues to be a priority for our County in providing quality public access. Through the District, our community has invested \$9 million in local sales tax revenue to protect critical scenic, agricultural, and natural resources in the area.

This project includes the design and alignment of an approximately 6-mile trail for hikers, mountain bikers, and equestrians that will be part of the Bay Area Ridge Trail. The trail will cross District Preserve lands and will be separated by only one parcel from the alignment of the Bay Area Ridge Trail through Sugarloaf Ridge State Park and Hood Mountain Regional Park beyond that. The trail will ultimately connect with the North Slope Sonoma Mountain Ridge Trail, Petaluma Adobe State Historic Park, and other publicly held lands and will provide additional connections to the Bay Area Ridge Trail.

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 is likely to serve as a model for a cost-effective, resource-sensitive, community-based approach to trail development that integrates biodiversity protection and enhancement.

I would sincerely appreciate your consideration of the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District's funding request for the Calabazas Creek Open Space Preserve Trail System Plan. Thank you for your support and assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Valerie Brown", is written over a faint, circular official stamp.

Valerie Brown, First District Supervisor
Sonoma County Board of Supervisors

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July 22, 2011

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

966 Sonoma Avenue
Santa Rosa, CA 95404
Tel: 707-526-6930
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Dear Mr. Bosco:

We strongly urge your approval of the grant request by the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District to support planning and design of the Calabazas Creek Open Space Preserve Trail System Plan. This would be a continuation of the Conservancy's investment in the area, including match funding for trail construction on the adjacent Jack London State Historic Park and funds for the planning and design of the East Slope Sonoma Mountain Ridge Trail.

Linking and protecting lands in the southern Mayacamas mountains have long been among Sonoma Land Trust's priorities. The Calabazas Creek Open Space Preserve Trail System will directly contribute to providing recreational and educational access benefiting residents and visitors. We have worked closely with the District to protect conservation lands this area, and last year we secured a donation of a 400-acre conservation easement that directly links and provides critical habitat connectivity between the Calabazas Creek Open Space Preserve and Sugarloaf Ridge State Park.

This project includes the design and alignment of an approximately 6-mile trail for hikers, mountain bikers, and equestrians that will be part of the Bay Area Ridge Trail. The Calabazas Preserve trail will implement a critical Bay Area Ridge Trail segment and bring us one step closer to connections with Sugarloaf Ridge State Park and Hood Mountain Regional Park beyond that. The trail will ultimately connect with the North Slope Sonoma Mountain Ridge Trail, Petaluma Adobe State Historic Park, and other publicly held lands and will provide additional connections to the Bay Area Ridge Trail.

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 is likely to serve as a model for a cost-effective, resource-sensitive, community-based approach to trail development that integrates biodiversity protection and enhancement.

We are grateful for your leadership and support in Sonoma County, and we strongly encourage you to approve the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District's funding request for the Calabazas Creek Open Space Preserve Trail System Plan.

Sincerely,



Ralph Benson
Executive Director

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June 30, 2011

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

Dear Mr. Bosco:

We urge the Coastal Conservancy to consider the request by the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District for funds to plan and design the Calabazas Creek Open Space Preserve Trail System Plan. This project would continue the Conservancy's investment in the area, including funding for trail construction at Jack London State Historic Park and for design of the East Slope Sonoma Mountain Ridge Trail.

Calabazas Creek has long been one of our priorities. We have worked with the District and others to assist with the Preserve's permanent protection and provide ecological assessment, trail concepts, land management strategies, and a citizen patrol. The Trail System will provide recreational and educational benefits to residents and visitors.

This proposed 6-mile trail for hikers, bikers, and equestrians will be part of the Bay Area Ridge Trail and ultimately connect several protected private and public parcels.

We are pleased that the trail will be designed to be low maintenance, and will incorporate native plant revegetation, erosion control, invasive species and pathogen management, and volunteer involvement throughout the project process.

Sonoma Ecology Center would sincerely appreciate your consideration of the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District's funding request for the Calabazas Creek Open Space Preserve Trail System Plan. Thank you for your support and assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Richard Dale", written in a cursive style.

Richard Dale
Executive Director



California Native Plant Society
Milo Baker Chapter

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

July 11, 2011

Dear Mr. Bosco:

We strongly urge 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 Calabazas Creek Open Space Preserve Trail System Plan.

The Calabazas Creek Open Space Preserve Trail System supports our mission, and will provide recreational and educational access benefiting residents and visitors. Through the District, our community has invested \$9 million in local sales tax revenue to protect critical scenic, agricultural, and natural resources in the area.

This project includes the design and alignment of an approximately 6-mile trail for hikers, mountain bikers, and equestrians that will be part of the Bay Area Ridge Trail. The trail will ultimately connect with the North Slope Sonoma Mountain Ridge Trail, Petaluma Adobe State Historic Park, and other publicly held lands and will provide additional connections to the Bay Area Ridge Trail.

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The Milo Baker chapter of CNPS would sincerely appreciate your consideration of the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District's funding request for the Calabazas Creek Open Space Preserve Trail System Plan. Thank you for your support and assistance.

Sincerely,

Wendy Smit
Board Member

CNPS Milo Baker Chapter P.O. Box 892, Santa Rosa, CA 95402

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State Coastal Conservancy
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Oakland, CA 94612
Attention: Betsy Wilson

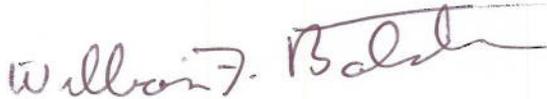
Dear Mr. Bosco:

The Oakmont Hikers of Sonoma County strongly urge 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 Calabazas Creek Open Space Preserve Trail System Plan. This would be a continuation of the Conservancy's investment in the area, including match funding for trail construction on the adjacent Jack London State Historic Park and funds for the planning and design of the East Slope Sonoma Mountain Ridge Trail.

We have worked closely with the District and its partners to provide site monitoring, reports on trespassing and changed conditions, and cleanup on the Preserve for several years. Opening this Preserve to the public would add immensely to the enjoyment of the Oakmont Hikers and the public in general.

The Oakmont Hikers would sincerely appreciate your consideration of the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District's funding request for the Calabazas Creek Open Space Preserve Trail System Plan. Thank you for your support and assistance.

Sincerely,



William F. Batchelor
Authorized Board Member
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July 5, 2011

Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chairman
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Oakland, CA 94612
Attention: Betsy Wilson

Dear Mr. Bosco:

I urge 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 Calabazas Creek Open Space Preserve Trail System Plan. This would be a continuance of the Conservancy's investment in the area, including matching funding for trail construction on the adjacent Jack London State Historic Park and funding for the planning and design of the East Slope Sonoma Mountain Ridge Trail.

The trail would be designed to be sustainable, low-cost, and low maintenance. Project features involve incorporation of native plant vegetation, erosion control, and invasive species and pathogen management. Volunteer involvement would be a key element throughout the project, from planning and implementation, to monitoring, maintenance, education and fundraising.

As a dedicated long term volunteer on the Calabazas Creek Open Space Preserve, it would be gratifying to see the development of a trail system on this amazing property. Once again, I encourage your consideration of the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District's funding request to move forward on development and implementation of the Calabazas Creek Open Space Preserve Trail System Plan.

Sincerely,



Lauren Johannessen
Volunteer Patrol Coordinator
Calabazas Creek Open Space Preserve

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