



Celebrating 50 Years

34009 ALVARADO-NILES ROAD
UNION CITY, CALIFORNIA 94587

August 16, 2011

Doug Bosco, Chair
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Chairman Bosco:

In my roles as Mayor of Union City and President of the Association of Bay Area Governments I am pleased to submit this letter of support to the California Coastal Conservancy for Greenbelt Alliance's effort to update *At Risk: The Bay Area's Greenbelt*.

Greenbelt Alliance's previous versions of *At Risk*, which have been produced at regular intervals since 1989, have provided critical insight regarding open space lands – working farms and natural areas – facing development pressure in the nine-county Bay Area. Past *At Risk* reports have used detailed information about local development speculation gleaned through analytical research and interviews in each Bay Area county to provide elected officials like myself, planners, and conservation professionals an understanding of what open space lands are likely to be developed over a 10-30 year time horizon versus lands unlikely to be developed in that period. Past reports have always presented information clearly and simply allowing it to be accessible no matter one's training or professional background.

For the 2012 edition of *At Risk*, Greenbelt Alliance plans to make a number of upgrades that promise to improve the rigor of the analysis and make *At Risk* a more accessible decision making tool. Included among these upgrades are:

- An effort to comprehensively map protections afforded to open space through policy measures such as urban growth boundaries, hillside protection ordinances and wildlife and agricultural preserves. This new analysis will help decision makers and conservation professionals clearly understand what Bay Area open spaces are under some level of policy protection.
- A demonstration of the open space “values” (i.e. wildlife habitat, critical watersheds, prime agricultural lands) of lands that are at risk. By providing this information, *At Risk* will educate users regarding the importance to our region's environment, economy, and quality of life for lands threatened by development.

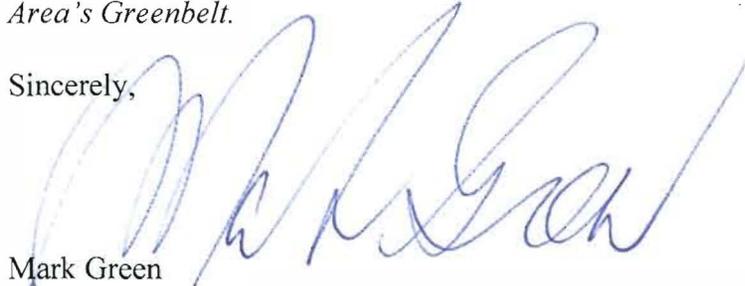
Exhibit 2: Project Letters

- Presenting the results of the 2012 *At Risk* update as an interactive online map. Users will be able to zoom in on areas of geographic focus and customize the display to show the information in which they are most interested. This online tool will be extremely useful for jurisdictional decision makers and planners as well as for land trusts, open space districts and other conservationists as they make acquisition and management decisions.

Because the *At Risk* project compiles local information to demonstrate a regional picture regarding the Bay Area's open spaces it will be of critical value in both regional and local level decision making. Serving such a function is of extreme importance in the new era of sustainability planning the Bay Area finds itself in under SB375.

Again, I am pleased to provide my support for Greenbelt Alliance's update of *At Risk: The Bay Area's Greenbelt*.

Sincerely,



Mark Green
Mayor, Union City
President, Association of Bay Area Governments



August 15, 2011

City Council

Gina Belforte
Mayor

Jake Mackenzie
Vice Mayor

Arny O. Ahanotu
Joseph T. Callinan
Pam Stafford
Council Members

Gabriel A. Gonzalez
City Manager

Michelle Marcheita Kenyon
City Attorney

Alexandra M. Barnhill
Assistant City Attorney

Terri A. Griffin
City Clerk

Darrin W. Jenkins
Director of Development Services
/ City Engineer

Sandra M. Lipitz
Director of Administrative Services

Brian Masterson
Director of Public Safety

John McArthur
Director of Public Works and
Community Services

Doug Bosco
Chair
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor,
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Chairman  Bosco:

In my roles as Vice-Mayor of Rohnert Park and a member of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission I am pleased to submit this letter of support to the California Coastal Conservancy for Greenbelt Alliance's effort to update *At Risk: The Bay Area's Greenbelt*. In the spirit of full disclosure, I also serve on the Greenbelt Alliance Board of Directors.

Greenbelt Alliance's previous versions of *At Risk*, which have been produced at regular intervals since 1989, have provided critical insight regarding open space lands – working farms and natural areas – facing development pressure in the nine-county Bay Area. Past *At Risk reports* have used detailed information about local development speculation gleaned through analytical research and interviews in each Bay Area county to provide elected officials like myself, planners, and conservation professionals an understanding of what open space lands are likely to be developed over a 10-30 time horizon versus lands unlikely to be developed in that period. Past reports have always presented information clearly and simply allowing it to be accessible no matter one's training or professional background.

For the 2012 edition of *At Risk* Greenbelt Alliance plans to make a number of upgrades that promise to improve the rigor of the analysis and make *At Risk* a more accessible decision making tool. Included among these upgrades are:

- An effort to comprehensively map protections afforded to open space through policy measures such as urban growth boundaries, hillside protection ordinances and wildlife and agricultural preserves. This new analysis will help decision makers and conservation professional clearly understand what Bay Area open spaces are under some level of policy protection.

Exhibit 2: Project Letters

- A demonstration of the open space “values” (i.e. wildlife habitat, critical watersheds, prime agricultural lands) of lands that are at risk. By providing this information *At Risk* will educate users regarding the importance to our region’s environment, economy, and quality of life of lands threatened by development.
- Presenting the results of the 2012 *At Risk* update as an interactive online map. Users will be able to zoom in on areas of geographic focus and customize the display to show the information in which they are most interested. This online tool will be extremely useful for jurisdictional decision makers and planners as well as for land trusts, open space districts and other conservationists as they make acquisition and management decisions.

Because the *At Risk* project compiles local information to demonstrate a regional picture regarding the Bay Area’s open spaces it will be of critical value in both regional and local level decision making. Serving such a function is of extreme importance in the new era of sustainability planning the Bay Area finds itself in under SB375.

Again, I am pleased to provide my support for Greenbelt Alliance’s update of *At Risk: The Bay Area’s Greenbelt*.

Sincerely,



Jake Mackenzie
Vice-Mayor, Rohnert Park
Commissioner, Metropolitan Transportation Commission

August 18, 2011

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

Dear Chairman Bosco:

We value the important role the California Coastal Conservancy has played in protecting and enhancing resources in the Bay Area, and have enjoyed working with the Governing Board and the stellar staff of the Conservancy over the years. We are writing today in support of the Greenbelt Alliance's effort to update *At Risk: The Bay Area's Greenbelt*.

Greenbelt Alliance's previous versions of *At Risk*, which have been produced at regular intervals since 1989, have provided critical insight regarding open space lands – working farms and natural areas – facing development pressure in the nine-county Bay Area. Past *At Risk* reports have used detailed information about local development speculation gleaned through analytical research and interviews in each Bay Area county. These valuable reports provide elected officials, planners, and conservation professionals (including those of us at the East Bay Regional Park District) an enhanced understanding of what open space lands are likely to be developed over a 10 to 30 year horizon. Past reports have always presented information in a clear, simple manner which can be easily understood no matter one's training or professional background.

For the 2012 edition of *At Risk*, Greenbelt Alliance plans to make a number of upgrades which promise to improve the rigor of the analysis and make *At Risk* a more accessible decision making tool. Included among these upgrades are:

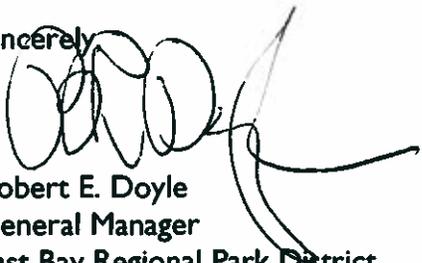
- An effort to comprehensively map protections afforded to open space through policy measures such as urban growth boundaries, hillside protection ordinances, and wildlife and agricultural preserves. This new analysis will help conservation professionals and decision makers clearly understand which Bay Area open spaces are under some level of policy protection.
- A demonstration of the open space "values" (i.e. wildlife habitat, critical watersheds, prime agricultural lands) of lands that are at risk. By providing this information, *At Risk* will educate users about the land threatened by development and their importance to our region's environment, economy and quality of life.
- A presentation of the results of the 2012 *At Risk* update as an interactive online map. Users will be able to zoom in on areas of geographic focus and customize the display to show the information in which they are most interested. This online tool will be extremely useful for jurisdictional decision makers and planners, as well as for land trusts, open space districts and other conservationists, as they make acquisition and management decision

Board of Directors

Because the *At Risk* project compiles local information to demonstrate a regional picture regarding the Bay Area's open spaces, it will be of critical value in both regional and local level decision making.

Again, we are pleased to provide our support for Greenbelt Alliance's update of *At Risk: The Bay Area's Greenbelt*. Please feel free to contact me if you should have any questions about our support for this effort.

Sincerely,



Robert E. Doyle
General Manager
East Bay Regional Park District

Exhibit 2: Project Letters

August 15, 2011

Doug Bosco
Chair
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor,
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Chairman Bosco:

On behalf of the Bay Area Open Space Council, I am pleased to submit this letter of support to the California Coastal Conservancy for Greenbelt Alliance's effort to update *At Risk: The Bay Area's Greenbelt*.

Greenbelt Alliance's previous versions of *At Risk*, which have been produced at regular intervals since 1989, have provided critical insight regarding important lands facing development pressure in the nine-county Bay Area. Past *At Risk* reports have provided elected officials, planners, and conservation professionals with an understanding of what open space lands are likely to be developed over a 10-30 time horizon.

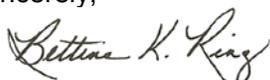
For the 2012 edition of *At Risk*, Greenbelt Alliance plans to improve the rigor of the analysis and make *At Risk* a more accessible decision making tool. Planned upgrades include:

- An effort to comprehensively map protections afforded to open space through policy measures such as urban growth boundaries, hillside protection ordinances and wildlife and agricultural preserves. This new analysis will help conservation professionals and decision makers clearly understand what areas are currently under some level of policy protection.
- A demonstration of the open space "values" (i.e. wildlife habitat, critical watersheds, prime agricultural lands) of lands that are at risk. By providing this information, *At Risk* will inform users regarding the importance of these threatened lands to our region's environment, economy, and quality of life.
- Presenting the results of the 2012 *At Risk* update as an interactive online map. Users will be able to zoom in on areas of geographic focus and customize the display to show the information in which they are most interested. This online tool will be extremely useful for jurisdictional decision makers and planners as well as the land conservation community as they make acquisition and management decisions.

Because the *At Risk* project compiles local information to demonstrate a regional picture regarding the Bay Area's open spaces, it will be of critical value in both regional and local level decision making.

We greatly appreciate your consideration of this grant proposal.

Sincerely,



Bettina Ring
Executive Director
Bay Area Open Space Council



Peninsula Open Space Trust

August 18, 2011

Board of Directors

Mark Wan, *Chair*
Steve Blank
John Chamberlain
Andy Cunningham
Donna Dubinsky
Jan F. Garrod
Diane Greene
Larry Jacobs
Matt Miller
Paul Newhagen
Brad O'Brien
F. Ward Paine
Sandra Thompson

Advisory Council

Sheldon Breiner, Ph.D.
Allan F. Brown
Susan Ford Dorsey
Phyllis Draper
David L. Fletcher
Robert B. Flint Jr.
Vince S. Garrod
Sukey Grousbeck
Christina A. Holloway
Mary Hufty, M.D.
Karla Jurvetson, M.D.
Charlene Kabcenell
Martha J. Kanter
Suzanne B. King
Robert Kirkwood
George M. Marcus
Norman E. Matteoni
Jacqueline Mayer
Robert W. McIntyre
Dianne McKenna
Robert H. Miller
David W. Mitchell
Gordon E. Moore, Ph.D.
Bette Moorman
Janel Morris
Susan Orr
Paul O. Reimer
William Reller
Barbara Doyle Roupe
Alexander H. Schilling, Jr.
Joseph R. Seiger
Karie Thomson
T. Chester Wang
Anne M. Westerfield
Rosemary Young
Leah Zaffaroni

President

Walter T. Moore

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

Re: Support for Greenbelt Alliance's *At Risk* Report Update

Dear Chairman Bosco:

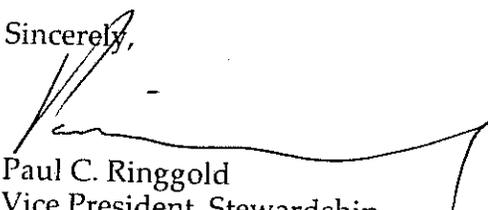
In my role as Vice President, Stewardship for the Peninsula Open Space Trust (POST), I am pleased to submit this letter of support to the California Coastal Conservancy for Greenbelt Alliance's effort to update *At Risk: The Bay Area's Greenbelt*.

Greenbelt Alliance's previous versions of *At Risk*, which have been produced at regular intervals since 1989, have provided critical insight regarding open space lands that face development pressure in the nine-county Bay Area. These reports have provided clear and concise information that has contributed to our analysis of which open space lands are most at risk, and have helped us in establishing priorities for the conservation of critical natural, recreational and agricultural resources. The maintenance of an up-to-date *At Risk* report is invaluable for conservation organizations, and POST applauds the efforts of Greenbelt Alliance to ensure this.

For the 2012 edition of *At Risk*, Greenbelt Alliance plans to make a number of upgrades that promise to improve the rigor of the analysis and make *At Risk* a more accessible decision making tool. One of the most valuable new elements proposed for the 2012 edition is the presentation of the results as an interactive online map, which will be extremely useful for land trusts, open space districts and other conservationists as they make acquisition and management decisions.

Because the *At Risk* project compiles local information to demonstrate a regional picture regarding the Bay Area's open spaces, it will be of critical value in both regional and local level decision making. Again, POST is pleased to provide its support for Greenbelt Alliance's update of *At Risk: The Bay Area's Greenbelt*.

Sincerely,


Paul C. Ringgold
Vice President, Stewardship



Doug Bosco
Chair
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor,
Oakland, CA 94612

August 22, 2011

Dear Chairman Bosco:

As Executive Director of the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council I am pleased to submit this letter of support to the California Coastal Conservancy for Greenbelt Alliance's effort to update *At Risk: The Bay Area's Greenbelt*.

Previous versions of *At Risk*, produced at regular intervals since 1989, have provided critical insight regarding open space lands – working farms and natural areas – facing development pressure in the nine-county Bay Area. I know that past *At Risk* reports have used detailed information about local development speculation gleaned through analytical research and interviews in each Bay Area county to provide elected officials, planners, and conservation professionals an understanding of what open space lands are likely to be developed over a 10-30 year time horizon. Past reports have always presented information clearly and simply allowing it to be accessible no matter one's training or professional background.

For the 2012 edition of *At Risk*, Greenbelt Alliance plans to make a number of upgrades that promise to improve the rigor of the analysis and make *At Risk* a more accessible decision-making tool. Upgrades include:

- An effort to comprehensively map protections afforded to open space through policy measures such as urban growth boundaries, hillside protection ordinances and wildlife and agricultural preserves. This new analysis will help conservation professionals and decision makers clearly understand what Bay Area open spaces are under some level of policy protection.
- A demonstration of the open space “values” (i.e. wildlife habitat, critical watersheds, prime agricultural lands) of lands that are at risk. By providing this information *At Risk* will educate users regarding the importance to our region's environment, economy, and quality of life of lands threatened by development.
- Presenting the results of the 2012 *At Risk* update as an interactive online map. Users will be able to zoom in on areas of geographic focus and customize the display to show the information in which they are most interested. This online tool will be extremely useful for jurisdictional decision makers and





planners as well as for land trusts, open space districts and other conservationists as they make acquisition and management decisions.

The Bay Area Ridge Trail Council recently updated our Strategic Plan and highlighted a need to focus on some of the most challenging long-term gaps in our route – what we’re calling the “last 100 miles” of our 550-mile route. Many of these gaps will require securing trail easements through private lands including active ranch and agricultural lands and/or along open space or habitat corridors. I expect that the tools Greenbelt Alliance is creating will be useful to the Ridge Trail Council and similar open space and public access interests as we try to complete our regional network of connected open space, habitat and trail corridors.

Because the *At Risk* project compiles local information to demonstrate a regional picture regarding the Bay Area’s open spaces it will be of critical value in both regional and local level decision making.

Again, I am pleased to provide my support for Greenbelt Alliance’s update of *At Risk: The Bay Area’s Greenbelt*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Janet McBride".

Janet McBride
Executive Director
Bay Area Ridge Trail Council

