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*Anna G. Eshoo  
Fourteenth District  
California*

February 8, 2012

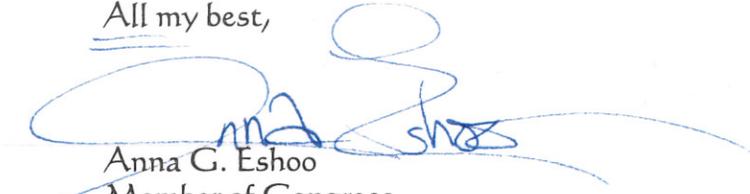
Mr. Steve Abbors, General Manager  
Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District  
330 Distel Circle  
Los Altos, California 94022

Dear Mr. Abbors,

Congratulations to the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District on receiving \$72,417 from the Land and Water Conservation Fund for the El Corte De Madera Creek Trail Project. This substantial award is an eloquent statement about the outstanding quality of your work, and I have every confidence that the MROSD will optimize the investment of these resources.

I'm very proud to represent the District in Congress. Your work is crucial to the protection of our open spaces, and whenever I can ever be of assistance to you, just let me know.

All my best,

  
Anna G. Eshoo  
Member of Congress

cc: Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District Board of Directors

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August 8, 2011

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

Dear Chairman Bosco,

I am writing in full support of Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District's application for grant funding for the El Corte de Madera Creek Open Space Preserve (ECdM) Staging Area and Trails Project. Funds would go toward the construction of a 69 vehicle parking/staging area, a 0.25-mile connector trail to the Preserve's trail system, 0.3 miles of new Bay Area Ridge Trail, and the relocation of an existing trail crossing to an area with improved line of sight.

This project deserves your support as it will greatly enhance public access to ECdM and the Ridge Trail. Currently, Preserve visitors must park at Caltrans' Skeggs Point Vista Parking Lot or along Skyline Boulevard. ECdM is a very popular preserve, thanks to the natural beauty of the redwood forests and the Preserve's extensive network of recreational trails for hikers, mountain bicyclists, and equestrians. This grant would provide Bay Area residents with easier access to the Preserve and allow them to enjoy enhanced visitor amenities such as restrooms, interpretive information, and the Preserve's first easy access trail. The easy access trail plan allows for visitors with limited mobility to access a vista point with the Pacific Ocean and coast side views.

Successful implementation of this project will partially close a gap in the Ridge Trail, furthering Bay Area Ridge Trail Council's mission of extending the Ridge Trail around the Bay Area. Upon completion of this project, the District plans to construct an additional 1.75 miles of Ridge Trail in the southern area of ECdM which will further enhance the Ridge Trail experience for all.

Providing new opportunities for regional trail connections and public access will enhance everyone's enjoyment of this spectacular natural area. I strongly recommend that you approve grant funding for this project.

Sincerely,

Richard S. Gordon,  
Assemblyman, Twenty-First District

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August 1, 2011

Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chair  
Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612

Re: Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District grant request for the El Corte de Madera  
Creek Open Space Preserve Staging Area and Trails Project

Dear Mr. Bosco:

I write in enthusiastic support of Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District's application for grant funding for the El Corte de Madera Creek Open Space Preserve (ECdM) Staging Area and Trails Project. Funds would go toward the construction of a 69 vehicle parking/staging area, a 0.25-mile connector trail to the Preserve's trail system, 0.3 miles of new Bay Area Ridge Trail, and the relocation of an existing trail crossing to an area with improved line of sight.

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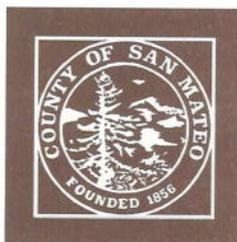
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I strongly recommend that you approve grant funding for this project. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Jerry Hill  
Assemblymember, 19<sup>th</sup> District

## County Manager's Office



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January 26, 2012

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

Dear Chairman Bosco:

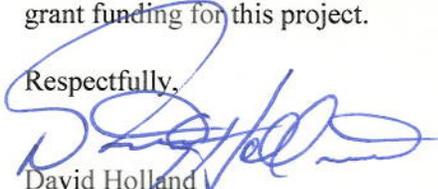
The County of San Mateo strongly supports Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District's application for grant funding for the El Corte de Madera Creek Open Space Preserve (ECdM) Staging Area and Trails Project. Funds would go toward the construction of a 69 vehicle parking/staging area, a 0.25-mile connector trail to the Preserve's trail system, 0.3 miles of new Bay Area Ridge Trail, and the relocation of an existing trail crossing to an area with improved line of sight.

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Providing new opportunities for regional trail connections and public access will enhance everyone's enjoyment of this spectacular natural area. I strongly recommend that you approve grant funding for this project.

Respectfully,

  
 David Holland  
 Assistant County Manager  
 County of San Mateo  
 400 County Center, 1st Floor  
 Redwood City, CA 94063

cc: Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District

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Bay Area  
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Douglas Bosco, Chair  
Attn: Matt Gerhart  
Ann Buell  
State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612

November 11, 2011

Dear Chair Bosco,

The Bay Area Ridge Trail Council (Council) is pleased to serve in partnership with the Coastal Conservancy, assisting with a competitive grant program offering State funds for acquisition, planning, and construction of the Bay Area Ridge Trail. We are creating an uninterrupted 550+ mile multi-use path on the ridgelines around San Francisco Bay and over 335 miles are now dedicated to enjoy today and protected for future generations.

On November 10, 2011 the Council's Executive Committee voted to endorse a funding request from the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District (District) for up to \$282,000 to help fund staging area and trail construction on El Corte de Madera Open Space Preserve (Preserve), and easement acquisition and trail construction on California Water Service Company's adjacent Bear Gulch Watershed (Calwater), near Woodside, in San Mateo County. Conservancy funds would be matched by approximately \$365,500 from the District.

Grant funds would be applied as follows:

- \$241,000 for construction of a new, 69-vehicle staging area and trailhead on the Preserve
- \$ 27,000 for acquisition of a trail construction access agreement from Calwater, and construction of 0.3 mile of Ridge Trail (0.1 mile on the Preserve and 0.2 mile on Calwater land), connecting from the existing Gordon Mill Trail (a future Ridge Trail segment) in the Preserve, to and across State Highway 35 to existing Ridge Trail on Calwater's property
- \$ 14,000 for construction of an ADA-accessible 0.3 mile spur trail (and vista point), connecting from the staging area to the Gordon Mill Trail

The District will install caution signs on the highway to alert drivers of the trail crossing. The highway crossing and staging area are designed to reduce significant traffic hazards for trail users and motorists.

A prior Conservancy grant (#04-039) helped support development of the trail plan for this Preserve. The new grant would fund the first of four phases of Ridge Trail construction based on the plan. Phase 1 trails and staging area would be built and opened by late 2012. Phases 2 thru 4 are budgeted to cost about \$160,00 total, and expected to complete in 2015, at which time about 2 miles of multi-use Ridge Trail would be dedicated, leaving only a 0.5 mile gap between this Preserve and the District's La Honda Creek Preserve.

The Council is pleased to support this grant request based on significance for the Ridge Trail, and major improvements in public access and safety for park visitors.

Sincerely,

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

Janet McBride, Executive Director  
Bay Area Ridge Trail Council





EQUESTRIAN TRAIL RIDERS' ACTION COMMITTEE

Lyndall Erb, PhD; Chair  
BOX 370210, Montara, CA 94037

March 12, 2012

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

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COASTAL CONSERVANCY  
OAKLAND, CALIF.

RE: Grant Request for El Corte de Madera Creek Open Space Preserve Staging Area and Trails Project

Dear Chairman Bosco,

I strongly urge the Coastal Conservancy to support the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District (MROSD) with a grant to help fund the proposed staging area and trails project at El Corte de Madera Creek Open Space Preserve (Preserve).

Funds would go toward the construction of a 69-vehicle parking/staging area, with adequate parking for horse trailers, a 0.25-mile connector trail that links the staging area to the Preserve's trail system, 0.3 miles of new Bay Area Ridge Trail (Ridge Trail), and the relocation of an existing road crossing to an area with improved line of sight.

This project will greatly enhance equestrian and public access to the Preserve and the Ridge Trail by providing a much needed parking and staging area facility. Currently, equestrians must park several miles away or on Highway 35 in pullouts that are small for trailers. This means in many cases walking the horses on the road to gain access to the Preserve. This popular preserve is not well used by equestrians due to the difficult access. We would like to be able to take advantage of the Preserve's extensive network of recreational trails for hikers, mountain bicyclists, and equestrians. In addition, this grant would provide Bay Area residents with easier access to the Preserve and allow them to enjoy enhanced visitor amenities such as restrooms, interpretive information, and the Preserve's first easy access trail that allows visitors with limited mobility to access a vista point with Pacific Ocean views.

Successful implementation of this project will also partially close a gap in the Ridge Trail, a wonderful multi use trail that is frequently ridden by equestrians. Upon completion of this project, MROSD plans to construct an additional 1.75 miles of Ridge Trail in the southern area of the Preserve which will further enhance the Ridge Trail experience for all.

**A COALITION OF EQUESTRIAN ORGANIZATIONS:**

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Lyndall Erb, PhD; Chair  
BOX 370210, Montara, CA 94037

Providing new opportunities for regional trail connections and increased equestrian access to this area will enhance everyone's enjoyment of this spectacular natural area. It is a goal of ETRAC to preserve and extend equestrian access to trails wherever possible. Thank you for your support of this important project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lyndall Erb", with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Lyndall Erb, PhD

President, ETRAC

President, Coastside Horse Council



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

March 9, 2012

RE: Grant Request for El Corte de Madera Creek Open Space Preserve Staging Area and Trails Project

Dear Chairman Bosco:

On behalf of Greenbelt Alliance, I am writing to urge the Coastal Conservancy to support the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District with a grant to help fund the proposed staging area and trails project at El Corte de Madera Creek Open Space Preserve (Preserve).

The Bay Area's iconic landscapes are an asset to the region, providing beautiful vistas, parks, trails and so much more. As the region grows, it is imperative that we continue to safeguard our natural open spaces. One of the best ways to do this is by making our preserves open to the public, inspiring new stewards of the land. Greenbelt Alliance identified funding park maintenance to keep San Mateo's natural areas healthy and accessible to the public as a significant opportunity in our *Golden Lands, Golden Opportunity* report.

This project will greatly enhance public access to the Preserve and the Ridge Trail by providing a much needed parking and staging area facility. Currently, Preserve visitors must park along Highway 35 or at a nearby Caltrans vista point parking lot. The Preserve is very popular, thanks to the natural beauty of the redwood forests and the Preserve's extensive network of recreational trails for hikers, mountain bicyclists, and equestrians. This grant would provide Bay Area residents with easier access to the Preserve and allow them to enjoy enhanced visitor amenities such as restrooms, interpretive information, and the Preserve's first trail that allows visitors with limited mobility to access a vista point with views of the Pacific Ocean. Successful implementation of this project will also partially close a gap in the Ridge Trail, furthering the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council's mission.

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Sincerely,



Michele Beasley  
Senior Field Representative  
Greenbelt Alliance

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*Sierra Club Loma Prieta Chapter serving San Mateo, Santa Clara, and San Benito Counties*

March 12, 2012

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

RE: Grant Request for El Corte de Madera Creek Open Space Preserve Staging Area and Trails Project

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Sincerely,

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Mike Ferriera  
Chair, Conservation Committee  
Sierra Club Loma Prieta Chapter