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March 2, 2012

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

RE: Ellwood Mesa Coastal Trail Project

Dear Mr. Bosco:

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Improvements to the Ellwood Mesa segment of the CCT is a high priority for implementation because the current unplanned and unmanaged trail and beach access ways pose significant constraints for trail users due to poor and uneven trail conditions and severe trail erosion along bluff top trail sections and down the coastal bluff face. The high, and sometimes inappropriate, use along with unmanaged storm water runoff has also resulted in serious environmental damage in the form of bluff failure along mesa's edge, erosion and deep gulying on the bluff top and within the riparian areas. The proposed project will improve access to and along the shoreline from a public trailhead parking lot by improving the condition of the existing trail and addressing severe erosion problems. In addition, the project will make improvements to two coastal access ways connecting the bluff to the beach.

The Ellwood Mesa Open Space has high visitor activity, offering spectacular scenery and one of the best opportunities along the entire stretch of Santa Barbara coastline to access a long natural beach, and enjoy views of the Channel Islands, marine life and the Los Padres National Forest. I am proud to represent this beautiful area and hope that you will accept the Santa Barbara County Trails Council's application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Das Williams".

DAS WILLIAMS
Assemblymember, 35th District

Exhibit 3: Project Letters

DOREEN FARR
Third District Supervisor



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March 8, 2012

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

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Improvements to the Ellwood Mesa segment of the CCT are a high priority. The current unplanned and unmanaged trail and beach accessways pose significant constraints for trail users due to poor and uneven trail conditions and severe trail erosion. The high, and sometimes inappropriate, use in this area along with unmanaged storm water runoff has resulted in serious environmental damage including bluff failure along the mesa's edge, erosion and deep gulying on the blufftop and within the riparian areas. This project will address these challenging trail issues and provide for a safe and habitat friendly user experience. I encourage you to provide the requested funding to improve trail access and the condition of the existing trails at Ellwood Mesa Open Space.

Please contact my office at 805-568-2192 if you have further questions.

Sincerely,

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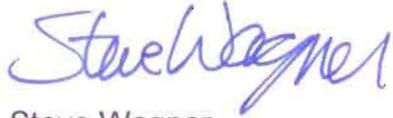
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Sincerely,



Steve Wagner
Community Services Director



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February 23, 2012

Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chairman
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Re: Coastal Trail Improvement Grant, Ellwood Mesa, City of Goleta.

Dear Chairman Bosco,

I am delighted to send this letter of support for the Santa Barbara Trails Council grant application for improvements to the Ellwood Mesa segment of the Coastal Trail.

Ellwood Mesa lies at the down-coast edge of the Gaviota Coast, which our organization was created to help preserve. Success with the Coastal Trail at Ellwood will help create momentum we need in our work to site the Coastal Trail on other nearby properties. Ellwood Mesa is a cherished, ocean front, open space property with abundant natural and recreational resources. It is very fitting that the Coastal Conservancy should be a partner in enabling appropriate public access here.

In addition, I believe these grant funds will be well leveraged by other local funds and by the local expertise and low overhead available through the Trails Council. Please approve this grant.

Very sincerely yours,

Michael R. Lunsford
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Bob Keats,
Vice-chair
Santa Barbara Chapter
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