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September 18, 2012

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

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I am writing to urge your strong support for the Mount Madonna County Park Area Property Acquisition (Mount Madonna Area property) and the Uvas Reservoir County Park Area Property Acquisition (Uvas Area property), scheduled to be heard at the California Coastal Conservancy Board meeting on October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2012. The proposed projects would provide a \$750,000 grant for the 490-acre Mount Madonna Area property, and a \$250,000 grant for the 358-acre Uvas Area property to Peninsula Open Space Trust (POST) to acquire and preserve these critical lands in Santa Clara County.

Protection of these lands will provide important benefits to the entire Bay Area region. Both properties abut public parkland and are identified in Santa Clara County Park's Master Trails Plan, providing an outstanding opportunity for recreational trails expansion. From a natural resource perspective, beyond the numerous native plant and wildlife species found on these lands, both contain highly productive spawning streams for steelhead trout, a federally endangered species. Protection of the Uvas Area property is also important to the health of the community since a portion of the property drains directly into the Uvas Reservoir, which provides an important supply of water for local consumption.

These projects advance many of the State of California's natural resource protection goals by protecting a combined 848 acres of uplands wildlife habitat, connecting scenic corridors and scenic areas of regional significance. In order to preserve these recreational opportunities, protect the property's rich habitat, and improve the overall health of the land, I urge the Coastal Conservancy Board of Directors to support POST in their effort to protect these lands through timely approval of grant funds.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Richard S. Gordon  
Assemblyman, Twenty-First District

CC: Jeff Melby, Project Manager

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September 19, 2012

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

Re: Mount Madonna County Park Area Property Acquisition

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I am writing to respectfully urge your support for the Mount Madonna County Park Area Property Acquisition, which is scheduled to be heard at the California Coastal Conservancy board meeting on October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2012. The proposed project would provide a \$750,000 grant to Peninsula Open Space Trust (POST) for the purpose of acquiring and preserving the 490-acre Mount Madonna Area property in Santa Clara County.

The protection of this property is significant from both a recreational and natural resources standpoint for multiple reasons. For instance, the site's adjacent location to the County Park creates an opportunity to link and expand the recreational trail network. More importantly, the site possesses an abundance of natural resources that include numerous native plant and wildlife species. Specifically, the property contains a stretch of Little Arthur Creek—a perennial creek that flows into Uvas Creek and ultimately the Pajaro River. Little Arthur Creek is one of the most productive spawning streams in Santa Clara County for steelhead trout, a federally recognized threatened species. Preservation of this property will protect plant and wildlife communities, conserve natural resources, and provide more opportunities for citizen recreation.

This project is an important step in realizing the vision of a contiguous north-south wildlife corridor and regional trail system within the western hills of Santa Clara County from the Coyote Valley to the Pajaro River. In order to preserve these recreational opportunities, protect the property's rich habitat, and improve the overall health of the land, I respectfully urge the Coastal Conservancy Board of Directors to support POST in their effort to protect these lands through the timely approval of grant funding.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

LUIS A. ALEJO  
Assemblymember  
28<sup>th</sup> Assembly District

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Cc: Jeff Melby, Project Manager, California Coastal Conservancy  
Gordon C. Clark, Conservation Project Manager & Development Officer, Peninsula Open Space Trust



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September 28, 2012

Douglas Bosco, Chairman, Public Member  
California State Coastal Conservancy  
Board of Directors  
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Oakland, CA 94612-2530

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I am writing to express my support for the Mount Madonna County Park Area Property Acquisition (Mount Madonna Area property) and the Uvas Reservoir County Park Area Property Acquisition (Uvas Area property), scheduled to be heard at the California Coastal Conservancy Board meeting on October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2012. The proposed projects would provide a \$750,000 grant for the 490-acre Mount Madonna Area property, and a \$250,000 grant for the 358-acre Uvas Area property to Peninsula Open Space Trust (POST) to acquire and preserve these critical lands in Santa Clara County.

The benefits of protecting these lands are many. Both properties abut public parkland and are identified in Santa Clara County Park's Master Trails Plan, providing an outstanding opportunity for recreational trails expansion. From a natural resource perspective, beyond the numerous native plant and wildlife species found on these lands, both contain highly productive spawning streams for steelhead trout, a federally endangered species. Protection of the Uvas Area property is also important to the health of the community, as a portion of the property drains directly into the Uvas Reservoir, which provides an important supply of water for local consumption.

These projects advance many of the State of California's natural resource protection goals by protecting a combined 848 acres of uplands wildlife habitat, connecting scenic

corridors and scenic areas of regional significance. Funding the POST proposal would preserve these recreational opportunities, protect the rich habitat on these properties, and improve the overall health of the land.

I hope that you will give these proposals from the Peninsula Open Space Trust every favorable consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. Joseph Simitian". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

S. Joseph Simitian  
State Senator, Eleventh District

CC: Jeff Melby, Project Manager

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October 3, 2012

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

Dear Chairman Bosco:

This letter is to express my support for the Peninsula Open Space Trust's (POST's) request for \$750,000 to acquire 490 acres for the Mount Madonna County Park Area Property (Mount Madonna Area property) and \$250,000 to acquire 358 acres for the Uvas Reservoir County Park Area Property (Uvas Area property) from Coastal Conservancy grant funds.

Located in Santa Clara County, the preservation of the Mount Madonna Area property and the Uvas Area property will benefit the greater Bay Area region. Both properties border public parkland and are identified in the Santa Clara County Park Master Trails Plan as providing an expansion to the current recreational trail system. Additionally, both projects advance the state's natural resource protection goals by safeguarding 848 acres of uplands wildlife habitat, connecting scenic corridors of regional significance, and providing public access to a wildlife area minutes away from one of the largest urban corridors in the nation.

We need to continue our work in protecting and maintaining the state's natural ecosystem, while also providing access to these resources to all who are interested in enjoying its majestic grandeur. The Peninsula Open Space Trust has a history of being a good steward of California's native environment, and I urge your favorable consideration of its request for a grant from the California State Coastal Conservancy.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM W. MONNING  
Assemblymember, 27th District

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cc: Jeff Melby, Project Manager

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# California State Senate

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October 1, 2012

Douglas Bosco, Chairman, Public Member  
California State Coastal Conservancy  
Board of Directors  
1330 Broadway, 13<sup>th</sup> Floor  
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Dear Chairman Bosco:

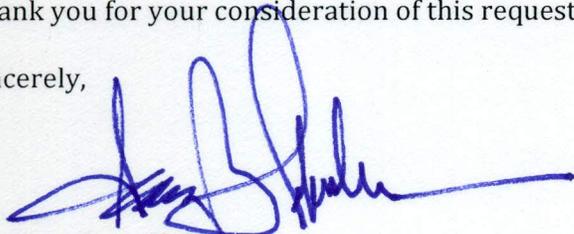
I am writing to urge your strong support for the Mount Madonna County Park Area Property Acquisition (Mount Madonna Area property) and the Uvas Reservoir County Park Area Property Acquisition (Uvas Area property), scheduled to be heard at the California Coastal Conservancy Board meeting on October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2012. The proposed projects would provide a \$750,000 grant for the 490-acre Mount Madonna Area property, and a \$250,000 grant for the 358-acre Uvas Area property to Peninsula Open Space Trust (POST) to acquire and preserve these critical lands in Santa Clara County.

Protection of these lands will significantly contribute to conservation efforts throughout my district and the entire Bay Area region. Both properties abut public parkland and are identified in Santa Clara County Park's Master Trails Plan, providing an outstanding opportunity for recreational trail expansion. From a natural resource perspective, beyond the numerous native plants and wildlife species found on these lands, both projects contain highly productive spawning streams for steelhead trout, a federally endangered species. Protection of the Uvas Area property is vital to the health of the community since a portion of the property drains directly into the Uvas Reservoir, which provides an important supply of water for local consumption.

These projects advance many of the State of California's natural resource conservation goals by protecting a combined 848 acres of upland wildlife habitat, sustaining a local water supply, and connecting scenic corridors and scenic areas of regional significance. In order to protect the property's diverse habitat, preserve these recreational opportunities, and improve the overall health of the land, I urge the Coastal Conservancy Board of Directors to support POST in their effort to protect these lands through timely approval of grant funds.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



**Senator Sam Blakeslee**  
State Senate District 15

CC: Jeff Melby, Project Manager



**COMMITTEE FOR  
GREEN FOOTHILLS**

September 19, 2012

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

**RE: Mount Madonna County Park Area Property Acquisition and the Uvas Reservoir County Park Area Property Acquisition**

Dear Chairman Bosco:

On behalf of Committee for Green Foothills, a regional conservation organization working to protect the natural open space areas of San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties for the past 50 years, I write in strong support of the Mount Madonna County Park Area Property Acquisition (Mount Madonna Area property) and the Uvas Reservoir County Park Area Property Acquisition (Uvas Area property), scheduled to be heard at the California Coastal Conservancy Board meeting on October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

The proposed projects would provide a \$750,000 grant for the 490-acre Mount Madonna Area property, and a \$250,000 grant for the 358-acre Uvas Area property to Peninsula Open Space Trust (POST) for the acquisition and preservation of these critical lands in Santa Clara County. Protection of these lands will provide important benefits to Santa Clara County, and to the entire Bay Area region. Both properties abut public parkland and are identified in Santa Clara County Park's Master Trails Plan, providing an outstanding opportunity for recreational trails expansion.

From a natural resource perspective, beyond the numerous native plant and wildlife species found on these lands, both contain highly productive spawning streams for steelhead trout, a federally endangered species. In addition, protection of the Uvas Area property is important to the health of the community since a portion of the property drains directly into the Uvas Reservoir, providing a valuable supply of water for local consumption.

These projects advance many of the State of California's natural resource protection goals by protecting a combined 848 acres of uplands wildlife habitat, connecting scenic corridors and scenic areas of regional significance. In order to preserve these recreational opportunities, protect the property's rich habitat, and improve the overall health of the land, CGF urges the Coastal Conservancy Board of Directors to support POST in their effort to protect these lands through timely approval of grant funds.

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Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Julie Hutcheson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Julie" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Hutcheson".

Julie Hutcheson  
Environmental Advocate, Santa Clara County

cc Jeff Melby, Project Manager, POST