



September 17, 2012

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

Re: October 18, 2012 Coastal Conservancy Board Meeting  
Proposition 12 funding distribution for McGehee property acquisition

Dear Chairman Bosco and members of the Board:

The March 2000 park bond, Proposition 12, allocated \$12.5 million to undertake projects for the 22,000-acre South Coast Wilderness system of coastal canyons and watersheds in south Orange County, which includes Laguna Coast Wilderness Park and Aliso and Wood Canyons Wilderness Park. As a stakeholder with Laguna Canyon Foundation and the County of Orange, we have supported these efforts to acquire additional land for the regional South Coast Wilderness system of parks and preserves. To date the state bond measure has funded 255 acres of additional land for the park system. The 56-acre fee acquisition before your board on October 18, 2012 represents another wonderful acquisition from the bond measure.

We support the conditions to permanently dedicate the 56-acre McGehee property for open space, public access and habitat preservation. We also agree to own the acquired land in fee title and to lease the McGehee property to the County of Orange for management as public access and wildlife habitat as part of the wilderness park system.

We support the acquisition of the 56-acre McGehee property for addition to the wilderness park system and ask that you approve the \$1,500,000 fee acquisition and the \$6,000 estimated closing costs for this property. Thank you for considering our request.

Sincerely,

John Pietig  
City Manager

cc: Laguna Canyon Foundation



Laguna Greenbelt, Inc.

a non-profit corporation

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1330 Broadway, 13<sup>th</sup> Floor  
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By email

**Re: October 18, 2012 Coastal Conservancy Board Meeting  
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Dear Chair Bosco and Directors:

Laguna Greenbelt, Inc., is a long time non-profit community organization, dedicated to preserving land in and around Laguna Beach. We actively supported the passage of the 2000 State Proposition 12 park bond measure. The acquisition campaign to date by Laguna Canyon Foundation has resulted in an addition of 255 acres to the 22,000-acre wilderness park system. Their efforts meet the intent of the bond measure and greatly enhance our more than forty-year effort to preserve the coastal canyons in and around Laguna Beach.

Laguna Canyon Foundation has a \$1,500,000 fee acquisition and an approximately \$6,000 closing cost request for the McGehee parcel on the October 18, 2012 agenda. We support the funding request to acquire the 56-acre McGehee parcel. This acquisition is an important habitat and trails linkage between a major canyon within the city and our regional coastal park system, long sought by Laguna Beach.

Thank you for considering our request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Elisabeth Brown". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Elisabeth M. Brown, Ph.D  
President



To preserve and enhance the unique village character of Laguna Beach

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Dear Chair Bosco and Directors,

Village Laguna has supported the preservation of Laguna Canyon since the 1980s. We have helped to place many park bond measures on the state ballot. We were pleased with the passage of Proposition 12 in 2000 and the possibility of funding for many needed park-related projects throughout the state.

The 2000 park bond measure's \$12.5 million line item funding to undertake projects for the 22,000-acre South Coast Wilderness system of coastal canyons and watersheds in south Orange County has added critical coastal canyons acreage to our South Coast Wilderness regional park system.

Laguna Canyon Foundation has a request before your board on October 18, 2012 for the \$1,500,000 fee acquisition of the McGehee parcel and approximately \$6,000 in closing costs. We support the funding request to acquire the 56-acre McGehee parcel. This acquisition will provide important public access, habitat and open space linkage to our regional coastal park system, which includes Laguna Coast Wilderness Park and Aliso & Wood Canyons Wilderness Park.

Thank you for your positive efforts at this critical time for land preservation. We appreciate your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ginger Osborne".

Ginger Osborne  
President

**Laguna Canyon Conservancy**  
P.O.Box 1383, Laguna Beach, CA. 92652

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Dear Chair Bosco and Directors,

Laguna Canyon Conservancy has supported the preservation of Laguna Canyon since the 1980s. Our organization managed the Walk of November 11, 1989. We have also helped to place many park bond measures on the state ballot. We were pleased with the passage of Proposition 12 in 2000 and the possibility of funding for many needed park-related projects throughout the state.

Laguna Canyon Foundation has a \$1,500,000 fee acquisition and approximately \$6,000 in closing costs funding request for the McGehee parcel before your board on October 18, 2012. We support the funding request to acquire the 56-acre McGehee parcel. This addition will provide important public access, habitat and open space linkage to our 22,000-acre regional coastal park system.

Laguna Canyon Foundation has made remarkable progress with the addition to date of 255 acres to the South Coast Wilderness system of parks and preserves. We appreciate their efforts and that of the Coastal Conservancy at this critical time for land preservation. Thank you for considering our request.

Sincerely,

*Carolyn Wood*

Carolyn Wood, President  
Laguna Canyon Conservancy  
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OAKLAND, CALIF.

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September 28, 2012

Douglas Bosco, Chairman  
California Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13<sup>th</sup> Floor  
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Dear Chair Bosco and Directors:

The County of Orange has supported the successful efforts of the Laguna Canyon Foundation to secure State Park 2000 Bond funding for the acquisition of additional land for the system of south Orange County wilderness parks and preserves. Their efforts have led to the addition of over 250 acres to the system that includes two County wilderness parks.

At your October 18, 2012 Board meeting, the Foundation is requesting \$1,500,000 for fee acquisition and \$6,000 for closing costs to acquire the 56-acre McGehee property. The addition of the McGehee property will provide important public access, habitat and open space linkage to the system. OC Parks supports this funding request.

As in the past, the property will be owned by the City of Laguna Beach, and OC Parks will recommend that the Orange County Board of Supervisors approve a lease with the City so that the property can be managed as part of Aliso and Wood Canyons Wilderness Park. We are committed to following all the necessary procedures to complete this transaction and look forward to adding the property to OC Parks' regional park system.

Sincerely,



Mark Denny



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cc: Patricia C. Bates, Supervisor, 5<sup>th</sup> District  
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