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November 13, 2012

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1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
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Sam Schuchat, Executive Officer
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

Dear Chairman Bosco, Executive Officer Schuchat and Members of the Coastal Conservancy:

I write in support of three proposed grants on the Coastal Conservancy's December 6th agenda that will fund important elements of the San Diego River Trail:

Planning for the Qualcomm Segment: Project No. 12-047-01
Planning for the Carlton Oaks Segment: Project No. 12-050-01
Flume Trail Segment Construction: Project No. 12-051-01

These three projects total 5½ miles along the San Diego River and when all three are constructed, will close critical gaps for a regional trail following the course of the river, extending from the Cuyamaca Mountains, to the Pacific Ocean.

The San Diego River Trail implements both the San Diego River Conservancy Act and the San Diego River Park Conceptual Plan endorsed by the County of San Diego, City of San Diego, City of Santee, and the San Diego River Coalition. The San Diego River Coalition is comprised of 75 environmental and community organizations located along the river. The Conceptual Plan established the Trail as the unifying design element of the proposed San Diego River Park.

These three segments were identified in the San Diego River Trail Gaps Analysis that identified physical and functional gaps currently preventing completion of the trail. The Gaps Analysis was prepared for the Coastal Conservancy and the San Diego River Conservancy, and the recommendations in the report and moving forward on the Qualcomm, Carlton Oaks and Flume Trail segments were approved as priorities by the River Conservancy, local governments, and the River Coalition.

The San Diego River Trail represents a strong regional collaboration that will connect communities in one of San Diego's most densely populated urban areas to the cultural and natural resources in the more rural areas along the 55-mile San Diego River.

I urge the Coastal Conservancy to award the preliminary planning grants to the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) and a construction grant to the County of San Diego so that this long-sought vision of the San Diego River Trail can become a reality.

Sincerely,

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

CHRISTINE KEHOE
Senator, 39th District



DIANNE JACOB
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Sam Schuchat,
Executive Officer
California State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
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Dear Mr. Schuchat,

It has come to my attention that the Governing Board of the State Coastal Conservancy will be considering the approval of three grants for the San Diego River Trail at its meeting December 6, 2012:

- Planning for Qualcomm Segment: Project No. 12-047-01**
- Planning for Carlton Oaks Segment: Project No. 12-050-01**
- Flume Trail Segment Construction: Project No. 12-051-01**

As San Diego County's 2nd District Supervisor and a member of the Governing Board of the San Diego River Conservancy, the purpose of this correspondence is to urge your approval of these three trail projects. The completion of these projects will close 5 ½ miles of critical gaps for a regional trail that extends from the Cuyamaca Mountains to the Pacific Ocean.

The County of San Diego is committed to finishing the San Diego River Trail, which is an important regional collaboration connecting citizens and visitors to the cultural, natural and recreation resources of the San Diego River.

Moreover, the County of San Diego acquired, designed and achieved CEQA compliance for the 2 1/2 mile Flume Trail Segment that will also provide an important linkage to El Monte County Park, a popular park in my district.

I am grateful for and appreciate any consideration you may give these San Diego River Trail projects.

Sincerely,

DIANNE JACOB
Supervisor, Second District

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November 15, 2012

Mr. Sam Schuchat,
Executive Officer
California State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
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Dear Mr. Schuchat:

I am writing in my capacity as the chair of the San Diego River Coalition. The San Diego River Coalition is an association of 78 member organizations that has been meeting monthly since 2001 to champion the creation of a river-long park system and conservation, restoration and enhancement of the San Diego River Watershed.

It has come to my attention that the Governing Board of the State Coastal Conservancy will be considering approval of grants for three projects on the **San Diego River Trail** at its December 6, 2012, meeting.

Planning for Qualcomm Segment: Project No. 12-047-01
Planning for Carlton Oaks Segment: Project No. 12-050-01
Flume Trail Segment Construction: Project No. 12-051-01

In 2002, The San Diego River Park Foundation in partnership with the River Coalition completed the San Diego River Park Conceptual Plan with a grant from the State Coastal Conservancy, establishing a design framework for the River Park system and the establishment of the San Diego River Trail from the Cuyamaca Mountains to the Pacific Ocean.

The San Diego River Conservancy based upon principles of the River Park Conceptual Plan developed the San Diego River Trail Gaps Analysis, and the three segments you are considering on December 6th were identified as physical and functional gaps that needed to be completed

The San Diego River Trail is a regional collaboration between state, local government and nonprofit organizations that will connect communities in

one of California's most populated metropolitan areas to the historic, cultural, recreational and natural resources of the San Diego River.

As Chair of the San Diego River Coalition, I would like to strongly endorse your favorable consideration of grants for these three San Diego River Trail projects. In particular projects 12-047-01 and 12-050-01 are included on the River Coalition 2012 Work Program as high priority projects. As such they have the unanimous support of our member organizations. Each of these projects fills gaps in the River Trail which will have significant value to the people of San Diego.

If I can be of any assistance or provide additional information to support these projects, please let me know.

Sincerely,



Rob Hutzel
Executive Director
The San Diego River Park Foundation

Chair
San Diego River Coalition



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