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Douglas Bosco  
Chairperson  
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## RE: Support for the Malibu Coastal Access Public Works Plan

Dear Chair Bosco;

I am writing to express our support for the project to develop a comprehensive public works plan for coastal access in Malibu. This project takes a new, more efficient approach to address the difficult issue of public access along the Malibu coast. It will expedite the development of up to 13 remaining inaccessible coastal accessways comprehensively through a programmatic environmental review rather than piecemeal reviews on a project-by-project basis. Once approved and carried out, the project will greatly help to achieve the objective of the California Coastal Act to maximize public coastal access. As a result, more people will be able to enjoy our beautiful beaches at more locations.

The proposed project is consistent with the mission of our organization. Increase public access to beaches along Santa Monica Bay is one of the important objectives under the Bay Restoration Plan. I encourage the Conservancy board members to support this project and take an important step forward in opening the Malibu coast.

Sincerely,

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September 23, 2012

Doug Bosco, Chair  
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Dear Chair Bosco:

I am writing to express my strong, unqualified support for the current Coastal Conservancy proposal to develop a comprehensive public works plan for public access to the Malibu coast.

I have been writing op-eds and on-the-ground guides since 2002 to address the serious and significant shortage in Malibu of the public beach access that state law requires. From 2007-2010, my Los Angeles Urban Rangers collective also led guided trips to the developed Malibu beaches—which the Conservancy and MRCA both generously helped to fund—and also produced a pocket guide.

As a writer and L.A. Urban Ranger, therefore, I can attest to how difficult and frustrating it can be to find, access, and use these stunning 20 miles of beaches—more than a quarter of the beachfront in L.A. County!—and to the deep, widespread public hunger to be able to do so.

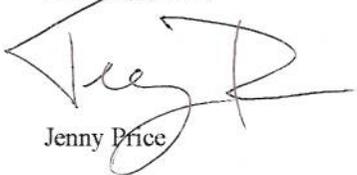
While I realize that the Conservancy, MRCA, and the Coastal Commission have all been working diligently to create additional access, the current process to approve and complete these projects still can be frustratingly slow.

And as the Conservancy and MRCA have been such essential and committed leaders in this effort, then combining their resources sounds like an excellent and heartening strategy to make progress much more quickly.

I ask the Conservancy to approve this proposal, in order to address the problems on the stretch of coast that has long been known as the most locked-up in California. And I urge you to truly, finally open these essential public lands to the public.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,



Jenny Price

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**RE: Malibu Coastal Access Public Works Plan**

Dear Mr. Bosco:

We at Mountains Recreation Trust (MRT), a 501(c)(3) organization, committed to protecting open space areas in the Santa Monica Mountains, strongly support the proposal to develop a comprehensive public works plan for coastal access in Malibu. A comprehensive plan sponsored by the Coastal Conservancy, Coastal Commission and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority will provide a unified access program for the public, not a confusing project by project plan.

MRT has a long history of working cooperatively on mountain and coastal issues, and we, therefore, strongly support this project to open the Malibu coast to public use.

Sincerely,

Debra Bruschaber  
Executive Director

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