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Mr. Douglas Bosco
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1330 Broadway, 13th floor
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Subject: Letter of Support for the Milton Street Park & Green Street Project

Dear Mr. Bosco,

The LA Sanitation Watershed Protection Division (WPD) supports the efforts of the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) for the proposed improvements of the Milton Street Park and Green Street project.

The proposed improvements will allow local residents, existing users of the bike path, and students at the Marina del Rey Middle School to utilize the park and its many amenities for recreation, bird watching, and education about the area's natural resources. WPD's understanding is that the proposed improvements include Best Management Practices (BMPs) for water quality improvement through construction of a green street, native plantings, decorative gate and fencing, ADA access, seating, bike racks, shade structure, pedestrian pathways, and interpretive panels.

The MRCA has presented this project to the City's Green Streets Committee and the Committee supports the improvements in the street right-of-way including Vegetated Stormwater Curb Extensions (using the City's standards), native planting, storm drain screens to filter trash from entering the Creek, and a new side walk on the south side of the street.

WPD is an active proponent with the MRCA. Improved water quality is an important keystone of WPD's green infrastructures plan that will provide for sustainable water resources, habitat enhancement, betterment of the ecosystem leading to enhancing the vitality of this area and creating a healthier and sustainable neighborhood in a greener environment.

If you have any questions, please contact me at Wing.Tam@lacity.org or at telephone number (213) 485-3985.

Sincerely,

Wing Tam, P.E.
Assistant Division Manager

cc: Ana Petrlc, MRCA





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Mr. Douglas Bosco
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Dear Mr. Bosco:

MOUNTAINS RECREATION AND CONSERVATION AUTHORITY MILTON STREET PARK AND GREEN STREET IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT COASTAL CONSERVANCY GRANT

The Los Angeles County Flood Control District (LACFCD) supports the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority's (MRCA) application for Coastal Conservancy Grant assistance. It is our understanding that the MRCA's Milton Street Park and Green Street Improvements Project seeks to improve a 1.2 acre parcel adjacent to the LACFCD right of way along the north bank of the Ballona Creek and transform a segment of the property's adjoining residential street, Milton Street, into a green street. The proposed project will provide multiple benefits to the community and environment such as active and passive recreation, open space, wildlife habitat creation, education, public access, and stormwater improvements through infiltration and reduction of impervious surfaces. In addition, we understand the proposed project is consistent with the Ballona Creek Master Plan goals of providing a safe environment and a variety of recreational opportunities along the creek.

We are pleased to support this project and look forward to its development. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at (626) 458-4300 or ghildeb@dpw.lacounty.gov or your staff may contact Ms. Terri Grant at (626) 458-4309 or tgrant@dpw.lacounty.gov.

Very truly yours,

GAIL FARBER
Director of Public Works

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Assistant Deputy Director
Watershed Management Division

TO

BALDWIN HILLS REGIONAL CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

A public entity of the State of California exercising joint powers of the County of Los Angeles and the Santa Monica Mountain Conservancy

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October 4, 2012

Mr. Douglas Bosco
Chair Person, State Coastal Conservancy
South Coast Region
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Letter of Support for the Milton Street Park & Green Street Improvements

Dear Mr. Bosco:

On behalf of the Baldwin Hills Regional Conservation Authority (BHRCA), I write to express my support for the proposed Milton Street Park project. As the land owner for the site, BHRCA has asked the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) to design and project-manage this future park. We recognize and support MRCA's efforts to revitalize Ballona Creek and its important natural resources.

Located on the north bank of Ballona Creek, and across the street from the Marina del Rey Middle School, Milton Street Park will be a significant asset to the students and the surrounding community. The proposed improvements will create multiple public benefits and aesthetic enhancements including water quality improvements, much-needed open space for passive recreation, habitat creation for the area's animal species, and additional access to the creek.

Specifically, the improvements will include native plantings, decorative gates and fencing, ADA access, a "green street" that creates a connection to the school, seating, bike racks, a shaded structure for bird watching, pedestrian pathways, and interpretive educational panels.

The Milton Street Park is also significant to BHRCA since this site will one day become a key resource and amenity along the future 13-mile Park to Playa regional trail.

Thank you for your partnership on this important project.

With hope,


Mark Ridley-Thomas
Chairperson

c: BHRCA Board



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July 11, 2012

Douglas Bosco
Chairperson
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RE: Support for the Milton Street Park & Green Street Improvements

Dear Mr. Bosco,

The Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission (SMBRC) supports the Milton Street Park project improvements proposed by the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority's (MRCA). As part of the overall Ballona Creek Watershed Master Plan and the Ballona Creek Greenway Plan, the proposed project will create a new park, green street improvements to Milton Avenue, and recreational, educational and storm water treatment features. The project includes native landscaping, decorative gateways and fencing, pedestrian pathways, Best Management Practices (BMPs), ADA access ramp, shade structure, bike racks, seating, and interpretative signage consistent with the Ballona Creek Watershed Master Plan.

Once the project is complete the improvements will provide multiple benefits to the surrounding environment and community, including habitat, education, recreation, public access, and storm water improvements. The parks location also makes it an ideal setting for educational use as it is adjacent to the Marina del Rey Middle School. The students will be able to use this future park as an outdoor classroom and plant and wildlife learning tool. Additionally, the project will help to restore coastal natural habitat through native landscaping and achieve water quality improvements through vegetated storm water curb extensions to intercept storm water runoff, and through reduced impervious surfaces.

our mission: to restore and enhance the santa monica bay through actions and partnerships that improve water quality, conserve and rehabilitate natural resources, and protect the bay's benefits and values





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We are pleased to offer our support and partner with your agency to carry out this project.

Sincerely,

Shelley Luce, Ph.D. Env.
Executive Director
Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission

cc: David Hayes, Project Manager





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June 29, 2012

Mr. Douglas Bosco
 Chair Person
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Letter of Support for the
 Milton Street Park & Green Street Improvements

Dear Mr. Bosco ,

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On behalf of the Ballona Creek Renaissance (BCR), I would like to express our enthusiastic support for the Milton Street Park project as proposed by the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA). Beginning with a 1999-2000 creek master plan study and extending through the more recent Ballona Creek Greenway planning effort and the Milton Street Park community workshops, BCR has actively participated in the process leading up to this proposal and fully support it.

As we understand, the proposed improvements include green street conversion, native plantings, decorative gate and fencing, ADA access, seating, bike racks, shade/overlook structure, pedestrian pathways, and interpretive panels. All these will allow local residents, existing users of the bike path, students at the Marina del Rey Middle School, and other park patrons to utilize the park and its many amenities for recreation, bird watching, education, and much more. The park's multiple benefits include habitat creation, education, recreation, public access, and stormwater management to name a few---all things that BCR is excited to see constructed and believe will be a great asset to the public.

In addition to all of the above, the MRCA's park project will provide much needed open space in the Los Angeles area, as well as many environmental benefits and recreational and educational opportunities to the surrounding community. Immediately downstream of the MRCA's groundbreaking Ballona Gateway at Centinela Avenue, this park will become a significant and well-used place along the emerging 13-mile Park to Playa regional trail. BCR strongly encourages the Baldwin Hills Conservancy board's authorization of funds for its completion.

Sincerely,

Jim Lamm, President

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