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October 22, 2012

Douglas Bosco
California State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Bosco:

I am writing in support of the Bay Area Open Space Council's application for continued support from the Coastal Conservancy's Bay Area Program.

The Bay Area Open Space Council was founded in 1990 by a group of land conservation leaders and pioneers who believed that through partnership the Bay Area could be a national leader in natural resource protection. Since then, the Open Space Council has served as a central hub for more than sixty member organizations throughout the nine counties plus Santa Cruz. The Open Space Council is a well-known expert convener and facilitator, an innovative and creative force, and a trusted partner for organizations and agencies of all sizes.

The Open Space Council seeks support from the Coastal Conservancy's Bay Area Program to continue providing the much-needed services upon which the region has come to depend. Specifically these funds will be used to provide the following services:

1. Increase awareness and support of the region's parks, trails, working lands, and open spaces among potential voters throughout the Bay Area.
2. Design and implement a regional approach to web-based and mobile technology that increases public engagement with the outdoors and enhances their experience once there.
3. Provide information, resources, and opportunities for partnership on issues related to stewardship/management as the region moves from an emphasis on acquisition to the increasing need for stewardship.
4. Ensure that the Conservation Lands Network is up-to-date and useful to land conservation and planning organizations and agencies.
5. Provide up-to-date information about protected land, acquisition dates, and type of protection with accessible maps and GIS data.

I hope you will join me in supporting this important work and the Bay Area Open Space Council regional leadership in preserving land and open space and connecting people to it. Thank you for your serious consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jared Huffman".

JARED HUFFMAN
Assemblymember, 6th District

October 23, 2012

Douglas Bosco
California State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Subject: Letter of support for the Bay Area Open Space Council

Dear Mr. Bosco:

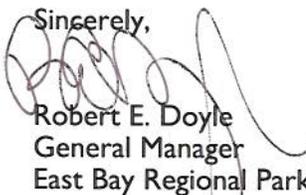
As long time members of the Bay Area Open Space Council, we can affirm their role in leading the region's efforts to connect people to protected open space and working lands. We know the demographics of the San Francisco Bay region are changing, and we will need to redouble our efforts to ensure continued support for the very open space resources that make the Bay Area a special place to live. With that in mind, we are writing in support of the Bay Area Open Space Council's application for continued support from the Coastal Conservancy's Bay Area Program.

Since its founding in 1990, the Bay Area Open Space Council has served as a central hub for the more than sixty member organizations throughout the nine counties plus Santa Cruz. The Open Space Council is a trusted partner and facilitator for agencies like ours, which seek to ensure a well-managed system of open space parkland which forever provides the opportunity for a growing and diverse community to experience nature nearby.

The Open Space Council seeks support from the Coastal Conservancy's Bay Area Program to continue providing the much-needed services upon which the region has come to rely. Specifically they plan to:

1. Increase awareness and support of the region's parks, trails, working lands and open spaces among potential voters throughout the Bay Area.
2. Design and implement a regional approach to web-based and mobile technology which increases public engagement with the outdoors and enhances their experience once there.
3. Provide information, resources and opportunities for partnerships on issues related to stewardship and resource management.
4. Ensure the Conservation Lands Network is up-to-date and useful to land conservation and planning organizations, and other agencies.
5. Provide up-to-date information about protected land, including acquisition dates and the type of protection, with accessible maps and GIS data.

Thank you for the Conservancy's past support of the Open Space Council. We hope the important work in which the Council continues to engage, remains supported by the Conservancy during this exciting time.

Sincerely,

Robert E. Doyle
General Manager
East Bay Regional Park District

CC: Jenn Fox, Bay Area Open Space Council

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Douglas Bosco
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Subject: Letter of Support for the Bay Area Open Space Council

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I am writing in support of the Open Space Council's application to the Coastal Conservancy's Bay Area Program. For over 20 years, the Bay Area Open Space Council has represented the collective interests of more than sixty land conservation agencies, non-profit land trusts, and conservation organizations throughout the San Francisco Bay Region working to protect an interconnected system of open space, parks, working lands and natural areas. Fifteen years ago, the Open Space Council worked diligently with key legislators to create the Bay Conservancy Program.

The Santa Clara County Open Space Authority is one of six open space districts in the Bay Area that are members of the Open Space Council and have benefitted greatly from the Council's work to bring funding opportunities and cutting edge conservation science, planning and policy to assist our conservation, stewardship and public education programs.

The Open Space Council seeks support from the Coastal Conservancy's Bay Area Program to continue providing the much-needed services upon which the region's land conservation and stewardship agencies and organizations have come to depend. If approved, the application would contribute critical funding to:

1. Increase awareness amongst policy makers, funders and interested public of the region's network of parks, trails, working lands, and open spaces throughout the Bay Area.
2. Implement regional web-based tools and mobile technology platforms that increase public engagement with the outdoors and enhance their experiences.
3. Launch and convene innovative regional partnerships on land protection and land stewardship
4. Put the Conservation Lands Network in the hands of cities, counties and land conservation and planning agencies.
5. Provide up-to-date information about the status of protected lands with accessible maps and GIS data.

The Santa Clara County Open Space Authority fully supports the efforts of the Bay Area Open Space Council to lead the region in preserving open space, agricultural lands and natural resources and connecting people to it. Thank you for your consideration to support the critical work of the Bay Area Open Space Council.

Sincerely,



Andrea Mackenzie
General Manager

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October 24, 2012

Mr. Douglas Bosco
California State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Subject: Letter of support for the Bay Area Open Space Council

Dear Mr. Bosco:

I believe that by working together we can achieve more and therefore fully support the efforts of the Bay Area Open Space Council to lead the region's efforts to preserve land and connect people to it. With that in mind, I am writing in support of the Bay Area Open Space Council's application for continued support from the Coastal Conservancy's Bay Area Program.

The Bay Area Open Space Council was founded in 1990 by a group of land conservation leaders and pioneers who believed that through partnership the Bay Area could be a national leader in natural resource protection. Since then, the Open Space Council has served as a central hub for the more than sixty member organizations throughout the nine counties plus Santa Cruz. The Open Space Council is an expert convener and facilitator, a creative force who constantly innovates, and a trusted partner for organizations and agencies of all sizes.

The Open Space Council seeks support from the Coastal Conservancy's Bay Area Program to continue providing the much-needed services upon which the region has come to depend. Specifically they plan to:

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5. Provide up-to-date information about protected land, acquisition dates, and type of protection with accessible maps and GIS data.

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Thank you for your consideration to support the important work of the Open Space Council. They are critical to the success of the region's ability to protect open space.

Sincerely,

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Stephen E. Abbors
General Manager

CC: Jenn Fox, Bay Area Open Space Council

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Subject: Letter of support for the Bay Area Open Space Council

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I am writing to express Sonoma Land Trust's support for the Bay Area Open Space Council's application to the Coastal Conservancy's Bay Area Program. SLT is a long-time member of the Open Space Council; we have benefited greatly from its regional planning efforts (such as the Conservation Lands Network) and its leadership in the Bay Area.

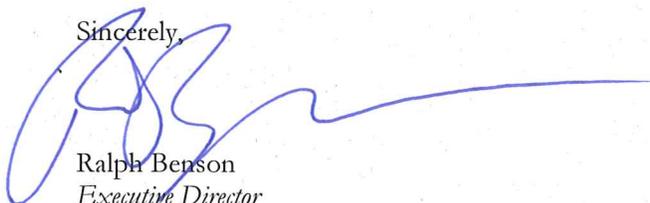
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The Open Space Council seeks support from the Coastal Conservancy's Bay Area Program to continue providing the much-needed services upon which the region has come to depend. Specifically they plan to:

1. Increase public awareness and support of the region's parks, trails, working lands, and open spaces in the Bay Area;
2. Design and implement a regional approach to web-based and mobile technology that increases public engagement with the outdoors and enhances their experience once there;
3. Provide information, resources, and opportunities on stewarding and managing the over 1 million acres of protected in the region;
4. Ensure that the Conservation Lands Network is up-to-date and useful to land conservation and planning organizations and agencies; and
5. Provide up-to-date information about protected land, acquisition dates, and type of protection with accessible maps and GIS data.

I urge the Coastal Conservancy to continue to support the important work of the Open Space Council. Its contributions are critical to the success of the region's ability to protect open space and foster healthy Bay Area communities.

Sincerely,



Ralph Benson
Executive Director

CC: Jenn Fox, Bay Area Open Space Council