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January 22, 2013

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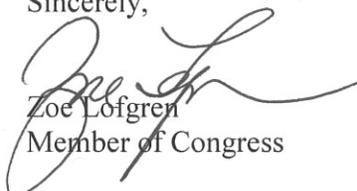
Dear Chairman Bosco:

The Santa Clara County Open Space Authority (Authority) was created in 1993 to preserve undeveloped land in its natural state. Its goals are to preserve the home territory of wildlife and native plants, safeguard water sources, create greenbelts and urban buffers, maintain landscapes and vista, offer outdoor recreation, encourage agriculture, and provide regional trail connections. The Authority oversees the Coyote Valley Open Space Preserve, which is located in the 19<sup>th</sup> Congressional district which I represent. The 348-acre Preserve is the only publicly-protected open space in the Coyote Valley, an undeveloped area that extends from south San Jose to Morgan Hill.

It is my understanding that the Santa Clara County Open Space Authority is applying for a \$150,000 grant to develop a Use & Management Plan for the Coyote Valley Open Space Preserve. They indicated to me that the plan would address the protection of natural resources and habitat restoration needs for the nine rare, threatened, and endangered species known to exist on the property. The Authority also stated to me they will establish guidelines to promote grassland biodiversity through careful cattle grazing; identify opportunities to reintroduce compatible agriculture to the site; and design a staging area for 20 vehicles, with a restroom, picnic area, shade structure, and interpretive panels. They further indicated that they will plan a 4.1 mile, multi-use trail system, with interpretive signs featuring the area's serpentine biodiversity, Native American history, and agricultural and ranching heritage. The Santa Clara County Open Space Authority stated it aims to complete the plan and construct initial improvements by the fall of 2013 to coincide with the Authority's 20th anniversary.

It is my experience that the Authority serves an important need in our community. I believe the preparation of a resource management and public access plan for this Preserve will expedite access to and interpretation of this unique landscape to residents of our community. I am hopeful you will give the Santa Clara Open Space Authority's grant application thorough consideration consistent with award guidelines and that every effort will be made to consider their proposal.

Sincerely,



Zoe Lofgren  
Member of Congress

cc: Jeff Melby, State Coastal Conservancy  
Matt Freeman, Santa Clara County Open Space Authority

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January 22, 2012

Douglas Bosco, Chairman  
Board of Directors  
California State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13<sup>th</sup> Floor  
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Dear Chairman Bosco:

This letter is to express my support for the Santa Clara County Open Space Authority's request for \$150,000 from the State Coastal Conservancy to assist in the planning of the Coyote Valley Open Space Preserve.

Located in an undeveloped area that extends from south San Jose to Morgan Hill in Southern Santa Clara County, this 348-acre Preserve is the only publicly-protected open space in the Coyote Valley. State Coastal Conservancy funds would be used to protect the natural resources and restore the habitat of numerous rare, threatened, and endangered species found in the area, as well as establish guidelines to promote grassland biodiversity through targeted cattle grazing; identifying opportunities to reintroduce compatible agriculture; and establishing a public staging area, multiple-use trails, and other priority visitor improvements.

The South Bay residents who make this area their recreational destination deserve access to and information about this unique preserve. Equally, the variety of native plants and animals in the area deserve the protection and habitat restoration necessary that a preserve would provide. The Santa Clara County Open Space Authority's resource management and public access plan will provide both public access and habitat protection, and I urge your favorable consideration of its request for California State Coastal Conservancy funds.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill Monning". The signature is stylized and written in cursive.

WILLIAM W. MONNING  
Assemblymember, 27th District

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cc: Jeff Melby, Project Manager

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January 22, 2013

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

**RE: Letter of Support for Santa Clara County Open Space Authority's Coyote Valley Open Space Preserve Plan**

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I am writing in support of the Santa Clara County Open Space Authority's grant application to fund the preparation of a resource management and public access plan for the Coyote Valley Open Space Preserve. This 348-acre Preserve is the only publicly-protected open space in the Coyote Valley—the largest undeveloped valley floor habitat and open space remaining in Santa Clara County.

Coyote Valley is a jewel of scenic hillsides, mountain ranges, lakes and creeks, and serves as a natural habitat for a number of special status animal and plant species. The intent of this project is to provide a framework for decisions that will result in a high quality visitor experience, while at the same time ensuring that the land is preserved for future generations.

Providing new opportunities to incorporate natural resource protection, compatible agriculture, and increased public access will enhance everyone's enjoyment of this spectacular area.

I encourage you to give this project every consideration. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Mark Stone  
Assemblymember  
Twenty-Ninth District

CC: Jeff Melby, State Coastal Conservancy  
Matt Freeman, Santa Clara County Open Space Authority



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### **Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society**

*Founded 1926*

January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2013

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

Subject: Letter of Support for Coyote Valley Open Space Preserve Planning

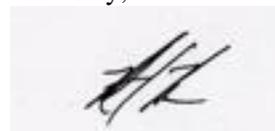
Dear Chairman Bosco:

On behalf of over 4,000 members in the south bay; environmental advocates who love the on-going work of the Coastal Conservancy and its record of extraordinary open space partnerships, I am writing in support of the Santa Clara County Open Space Authority's application to the State Coastal Conservancy to help fund planning of the Coyote Valley Open Space Preserve. The 348-acre Preserve is the only publicly-protected open space in the Coyote Valley—an undeveloped area that extends from south San Jose to Morgan Hill. Preparation of a resource management and public access plan for this Preserve will expedite access and interpretation of this unique landscape to residents of the South Bay Area, including San Jose (the largest city in the Bay Area) and Morgan Hill (the fastest-growing city in Santa Clara County). If approved for funding, the plan would 1) address protection of natural resources and habitat restoration needs for numerous rare, threatened, and endangered species; 2) establish guidelines to promote grassland biodiversity through careful cattle grazing; 3) identify opportunities to reintroduce compatible agriculture to the site; and 4) lay out the location and design elements for a public staging area, multiple-use trails, interpretive features and other priority visitor improvements.

This project complements the mission of the Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society as we work to protect and restore habitats for native birds and other wildlife throughout the south bay. We look forward to partnering with the Open Space Authority during the planning process for this important project in the South Bay offering out unique perspective as well as expertise in citizen science projects that will help document the resources in the project footprint.

Thank you for considering the Santa Clara County Open Space Authority's proposal and for supporting the development of a science-based and community-informed plan to address natural resources, compatible agriculture, and public access at Coyote Valley Open Space Preserve. Please contact me if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,



Bob Power, Executive Director

CC: Jeff Melby, State Coastal Conservancy  
Matt Freeman, Santa Clara County Open Space Authority



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**January 15, 2013**

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

**Subject:** Letter of Support for Coyote Valley Open Space Preserve Planning

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I am writing in support of the Santa Clara County Open Space Authority's application to the State Coastal Conservancy to help fund planning of the 348-acre Coyote Valley Open Space Preserve, located at the edge of the Coyote Valley—an undeveloped area that extends from south San Jose to Morgan Hill. Preparation of a resource management and public access plan for this Preserve will expedite access and interpretation of this unique landscape to residents of the South Bay Area. If approved for funding, the plan would 1) address protection of natural resources and habitat restoration needs for numerous rare, threatened, and endangered species; 2) establish guidelines to promote grassland biodiversity through careful cattle grazing; 3) identify opportunities to reintroduce compatible agriculture to the site; and 4) lay out the location and design elements for a public staging area, multiple-use trails, interpretive features and other priority visitor improvements.

This project complements the mission of the Peninsula Open Space Trust, which focuses on permanent protection of open space, farms and parkland in and around Silicon Valley. POST has conducted land protection projects in the hills to the west of the Authority's Preserve, and is therefore supportive of well-designed conservation planning efforts in the region, such as that proposed by the Authority. We look forward to partnering with the Open Space Authority during the planning process for this important project in the South Bay.

Thank you for considering the Santa Clara County Open Space Authority's proposal and for supporting the development of a science-based and community-informed plan to address natural resources, compatible agriculture, and public access at Coyote Valley Open Space Preserve. Please contact me if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

**Walter T. Moore**  
**President**

**CC:** Jeff Melby, State Coastal Conservancy  
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January 22, 2013

Douglas Bosco  
California State Coastal Conservancy  
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*Subject: Letter of Support for Coyote Valley Open Space Preserve Planning*

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I am writing in support of the Santa Clara County Open Space Authority’s application to the State Coastal Conservancy to help fund planning of the Coyote Valley Open Space Preserve. The 348-acre Preserve is the only publicly-protected open space in the Coyote Valley – an undeveloped area that extends from south San Jose to Morgan Hill. Preparation of a resource management and public access plan for this Preserve will expedite access and interpretation of this unique landscape to residents of the South Bay Area, including San Jose (the largest city in the Bay Area) and Morgan Hill (the fastest-growing city in Santa Clara County). If approved for funding, the plan would 1) address protection of natural resources and habitat restoration needs for numerous rare, threatened, and endangered species; 2) establish guidelines to promote grassland biodiversity through careful cattle grazing; 3) identify opportunities to reintroduce compatible agriculture to the site; and 4) lay out the location and design elements for a public staging area, multiple-use trails, interpretive features and other priority visitor improvements.

This project, which addresses both agricultural viability and habitat connectivity, very much complements the mission of Sustainable Agriculture Education (SAGE). SAGE seeks to ensure that multifunctional agriculture – agriculture that provides food, environmental benefits and cultural value – is a key element of regional sustainability planning and is implemented on the ground to benefit all Bay Area communities. In terms of agricultural viability, the Preserve will serve as the public “anchor” for the Coyote Valley Agricultural Enterprise and Conservation Program recommended in the *Conserving Coyote Valley Agriculture Feasibility Study* (Study) prepared SAGE. The planning process will determine the feasibility of utilizing a portion of the Preserve for cultivated agriculture or community gardens, and will outline partnerships and programs to demonstrate that agricultural viability is consistent with habitat and water-quality protection. The Project will also include a grazing management element designed to utilize cattle grazing as a resource management tool to promote grassland biodiversity.

Sibella Kraus, *President*

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By promoting the integration of agriculture and resource protection, the Preserve will serve as a model for other areas that seek to retain agricultural land uses and the suite of ecosystem services provided by those landscapes. We look forward to partnering with the Open Space Authority during the planning process for this important project in the South Bay.

Thank you for considering the Santa Clara County Open Space Authority's proposal and for supporting the development of a science-based and community-informed plan to address natural resources, compatible agriculture, and public access at Coyote Valley Open Space Preserve. This is a needed and timely project. Please contact me, via email ([sibella@sagecenter.org](mailto:sibella@sagecenter.org)) or phone (510-526-1793 #3) if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sibella Kraus".

Sibella Kraus, President

CC:

Jeff Melby, State Coastal Conservancy

Matt Freeman, Santa Clara County Open Space Authority



January 14, 2013

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

Subject: Letter of Support for Coyote Valley Open Space Preserve Planning

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I am writing in support of the Santa Clara County Open Space Authority's application to the State Coastal Conservancy to help fund planning of the Coyote Valley Open Space Preserve. The 348-acre Preserve is the only publicly-protected open space in the Coyote Valley—an undeveloped area that extends from south San Jose to Morgan Hill. Preparation of a resource management and public access plan for this Preserve will expedite access and interpretation of this unique landscape to residents of the South Bay Area, including San Jose (the largest city in the Bay Area) and Morgan Hill (the fastest-growing city in Santa Clara County). If approved for funding, the plan would 1) address protection of natural resources and habitat restoration needs for numerous rare, threatened, and endangered species; 2) establish guidelines to promote grassland biodiversity through careful cattle grazing; 3) identify opportunities to reintroduce compatible agriculture to the site; and 4) lay out the location and design elements for a public staging area, multiple-use trails, interpretive features and other priority visitor improvements.

This project complements the mission of our organization, Community Alliance with Family Farmers. We work to advocate for California's family farmers and sustainable agriculture. Strong partnerships exist between family farmers and their communities. CAFF strives to build on shared values around food and agriculture, and work together in practical, on-the-ground programs, such as our Farm to School program or through our Buy Fresh Buy Local agriculture marketing campaign. These partnerships create locally based economic vitality, improved human and environmental health, and long-term sustainability of family farms.

We look forward to partnering with the Open Space Authority during the planning process for this important project in the South Bay.

Thank you for considering the Santa Clara County Open Space Authority's proposal and for supporting the development of a science-based and community-informed plan to address natural resources, compatible agriculture, and public access at Coyote Valley Open Space Preserve. Please contact me if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

Sadie Clements, RD  
South Bay Regional Food System Manager  
22 Martin St.  
Gilroy, CA 95020

CC:

Jeff Melby, State Coastal Conservancy  
Matt Freeman, Santa Clara County Open Space Authority

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January 22, 2013

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

Subject: Letter of Support for Coyote Valley Open Space Preserve Planning

Dear Mr. Bosco,

I am writing this letter in support of the Santa Clara Open Space Authority's application to the California State Coastal Conservancy to help fund a comprehensive Use and Management Plan for the Coyote Valley Open Space Preserve.

Preparation of this plan will expedite access to this unique 348-acre Preserve by residents of the greater metropolitan San Jose area, as well as Morgan Hill and Gilroy to the south. If approved for funding, the plan will address the protection of natural resources; restoration of habitat for rare, threatened, and endangered species; habitat connectivity; grassland biodiversity through careful cattle grazing; opportunities for reintroducing compatible agriculture to the area; planning and design of visitor-focused improvements such as a 4.1-mile multi-use trail system with interpretive signage and a rustic staging area; and the identification of potential regional trail connections.

This project complements the mission of the Responsible Organized Mountain Pedalers ("ROMP"). We support the creation of multi-use trails that are developed in ways that protect natural resources and benefit wildlife communities. ROMP is a 25-year-old 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization based in San Mateo and Santa Clara counties; our members have dedicated thousands of volunteer hours toward developing and maintaining trails.

Thank you for considering the Santa Clara County Open Space Authority's proposal, and for supporting the development of a science-based, community-informed plan for Coyote Valley Open Space Preserve.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [president@romp.org](mailto:president@romp.org) or (408) 996-1150.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Linda George".

Linda George  
President, Responsible Organized Mountain Pedalers  
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Saratoga, CA 95070

CC:  
Jeff Melby, State Coastal Conservancy  
Matt Freeman, Santa Clara County Open Space Authority

State of California  
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## Memorandum

Date: January 28, 2013

To: Mr. Douglas Bosco  
California State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612

From:   
Scott Wilson, Acting Regional Manager  
California Department of Fish and Wildlife – Bay Delta Region, 7329 Silverado Trail, Napa, California 94558

Subject: Letter of Support for Coyote Valley Open Space Preserve Planning

This memorandum is to support the Santa Clara County Open Space Authority's application to the State Coastal Conservancy to help fund planning of the Coyote Valley Open Space Preserve (Preserve). The 348-acre Preserve is a publicly-protected open space in the Coyote Valley, a lightly developed area that extends from south San Jose to Morgan Hill. While Coyote Valley has lost much of the original habitat value it once contained, it remains a potentially critical ecological area as it is the only location between San Francisco Bay and the Pajaro River corridor where connectivity between the Santa Cruz Mountains and the Diablo Range may still exist. Preparation of a resource management and public access plan for this Preserve will allow for restoration of historical biological resources and contribute to restoration of higher values of connectivity across Coyote Valley. In particular, creation of new ponds on this property will contribute significantly to restoration of a healthy metapopulation of California tiger salamander<sup>1</sup> in mid-Santa Clara County. This is particularly important given the recent local impacts to this species and the likely future development of the valley to the north. Enhancement of resources on the property could also potentially benefit other listed species, such as the California red-legged frog, Bay checkerspot butterfly and serpentine dependent plant species.

A well prepared resource management plan will also allow multiple uses on the property such as hiking, equestrian use, compatible agriculture and other uses. With careful monitoring and adaptive management, the property could provide a model for similar efforts in the region.

This project complements the mission of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife. If successful, restoration of ecological resources on site would contribute to the recovery of a State listed species and help enhance connectivity between two mountain ranges. Further, enhancement and management of the property for rare species will directly benefit the Santa Clara Habitat Conservation Plan/Natural Communities Conservation Plan (Plan). The Plan is a multi-partner conservation strategy for 18 local species, including all the species mentioned above. We look forward to partnering with the Santa Clara County Open Space Authority during the planning process for this important project in the South Bay.

<sup>1</sup> California tiger salamander is listed as Threatened by both the California Department of Fish and Wildlife and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Mr. Douglas Bosco

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January 28, 2013

Thank you for considering the Santa Clara County Open Space Authority's proposal and for supporting the development of a science-based and community-informed resource management and public access plan to address natural resources, compatible agriculture, and public access at Coyote Valley Open Space Preserve. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Dave Johnston, Environmental Scientist at [david.johnston@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:david.johnston@wildlife.ca.gov) or (831) 464-6870; or Mr. Craig Weightman, Acting Environmental Program Manager, at [craig.weightman@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:craig.weightman@wildlife.ca.gov) or (707) 944-5577.

cc: Jeff Melby, State Coastal Conservancy  
Matt Freeman, Santa Clara County Open Space Authority