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Dear Sam,

I want to thank the Coastal Conservancy for contributing to two key properties in Santa Clara County that POST has recently been able to protect.

Last Thursday, February 28, 2013, with a \$250,000 grant from the Conservancy, POST acquired the 358-acre Seven Oaks Hill property adjacent to Uvas Reservoir. The property offers stunning views of the reservoir and is a key habitat linkage in the Santa Cruz Mountains. We are working with Santa Clara County Parks to transfer the property into permanent protection within one year.

In November 2012, with a \$750,000 grant from the Conservancy, POST acquired the first 260 acres of the 490-acre Triple Buck Ranch, which will be critical to trail expansion efforts at Mt. Madonna County Park. We are coordinating with County Parks to transfer this property and the remaining 230 acres of the property later this year.

In both cases, the Conservancy's grants provided critically important acquisition funding for these projects, and also played a key role in leveraging additional outside funding from both public and private sources. In the case of Seven Oaks Hill, the Conservancy's funds will be matched more than 3:1 by other sources, and for Triple Buck Ranch, the Conservancy's funding will be matched more than 5:1 by outside sources.

It has been a pleasure working with the Conservancy on these projects. I also want to extend my appreciation to Program Manager Amy Hutzal, Project Manager Jeff Melby, and Counsel Elena Eger for shepherding both projects through the approval and fund disbursement process.

I would like to extend an offer to take you on a tour of these magnificent properties to thank you for your commitment to open space in Santa Clara County. Thank you again for the Conservancy's support of POST's work.

Sincerely,



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President

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