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May 23, 2013

Douglas Bosco, Chairman
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

Re: Letter of support for City of Laguna Beach's Proposition 12 grant entitled: *Public wilderness access improvements using funds allocated under a line item in the March 2000, Proposition 12—the Safe Neighborhood Parks, Clean Water, Clean Air and Coastal Protection Bond Act.*

Dear Chair Bosco and Directors,

Laguna Canyon Foundation, a nonprofit organization dedicated to preserving, protecting, promoting and enhancing the South Coast Wilderness Area is an active supporter and participant of the 2000 state Proposition 12 parks bond measure.

The City of Laguna Beach has submitted a grant request for \$204,000 to enhance entryways and public access to Aliso and Wood Canyons Wilderness Park. As a cooperating nonprofit agency for Aliso and Wood Canyons Wilderness Park, Laguna Canyon Foundation fully supports this request.

Proposition 12 funding, mounted to date by Laguna Canyon Foundation, City of Laguna Beach, City of Laguna Woods, and the County of Orange has resulted in an addition of 300 acres to wilderness parks, a remarkable achievement for Orange County. This entryway and access improvement grant will help provide safe access to the lands that Proposition 12 has preserved.

Sincerely yours,

Maxwell Borella

Maxwell Borella
Executive Director
Laguna Canyon Foundation

*Please send the support letter to the Attention of Deborah Ruddock,
email a copy to advisor@lagunacanyon.org*



Laguna Greenbelt, Inc.

a non-profit corporation

May 31, 2013

Douglas Bosco, Chairman
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612-2530
Attention: Deborah Ruddock
druddock@scc.ca.gov

Re: Support for City of Laguna Beach Prop. 12 grant application for Aliso & Wood Canyons Wilderness Park access improvements.

Dear Chair Bosco and Directors,

Laguna Greenbelt, Inc., has, since 1968, advocated for the preservation of wild lands in Orange County, beginning with the coastal canyons near Laguna Beach. The local name for 'South Coast Wilderness' is 'Laguna Greenbelt,' and we are extremely proud of our role in the preservation of the 22,000 acres of wilderness parks and preserves.

We support Laguna Beach's request for \$204,000 for access facilities at two points on the western edge of Aliso & Wood Canyons Wilderness Park. Both of these access improvements involve steep, challenging terrain. The slope above the DeWitt property is extremely steep, thus the name 'Stair Step' for the trail. A parking lot would improve public access for the hardy souls attempting this trail. The second access point will ultimately connect the Top of the World Trail to an Aliso Canyon trail. Multiple secondary access points were contemplated in the 2009 Resources Management Plan for the park to avoid over-concentration of use at any one entryway.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this grant. Please contact us if there are any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Elisabeth M. Brown". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured background that appears to be a scan of a piece of paper.

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KAREN ROPER
DIRECTOR
OC COMMUNITY SERVICES

Subject: City of Laguna Beach's Proposition 12 Grant Request:
Public Wilderness Access Improvements

MARK DENNY
DIRECTOR
OC PARKS

Dear Chair Bosco and Directors:

HELEN FRIED
COUNTY LIBRARIAN
OC PUBLIC LIBRARIES

The City of Laguna Beach has submitted a Proposition 12 grant request for \$204,000 to enhance entryways and public access to Aliso and Wood Canyons Wilderness Park, one of OC Parks' most popular wilderness parks.

OC Parks supports both the project and the grant request. The proposed improvements will provide safe access to the lands that Proposition 12 has helped preserve; they are also in line with OC Parks' mission to preserve, protect, promote and enhance public open space.

Sincerely,



Mark Denny, Director
OC Parks



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