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

Ref: Letter of Support for OC Parks' Proposition 12 Grant Application: *Entry Improvements – Aliso and Woods Canyon Park (AWWP)*

Dear Chairman Bosco and Members of the Board:

At its regular meeting of June 4th, 2013, the Laguna Niguel City Council voted unanimously to support OC Parks Grant Application for Proposition 12 funds in the amount of \$650,000.

As you know, Proposition 12 provides for the allocation of funds to undertake projects for the South Coast Wilderness System of coastal canyons and watershed in south Orange County. The regional South Coast Wilderness System of parks and preserves includes the Aliso & Woods Canyon Wilderness Park that is located within the City of Laguna Niguel and enjoyed by our residents.

The City of Laguna Niguel fully supports OC Parks grant application and respectfully requests that you approve this funding allocation at your June 20, 2013 meeting.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Ming".

Robert Ming
Mayor

cc: City Council



May 29, 2013

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

Re: June 20, 2013 Coastal Conservancy Board Meeting
Proposition 12 funding distribution

Dear Chairman Bosco and members of the Board,

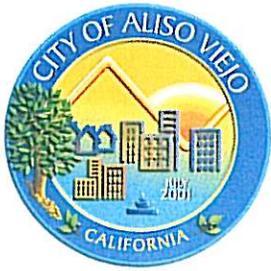
The March 2000 park bond, Proposition 12, allocated funds to undertake projects for the South Coast Wilderness System of coastal canyons and watersheds in south Orange County. The regional South Coast Wilderness System of parks and preserves includes the Aliso & Wood Canyons Wilderness Park that is adjacent to our city and enjoyed by our residents.

OC Parks has submitted a grant request for \$675,000 to enhance the entryway to Aliso & Wood Canyons Wilderness Park. The City of Laguna Beach fully supports this request and asks that you approve this funding allocation at your June 20, 2013 meeting. Thank you for considering our request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Pietig". The signature is stylized and cursive.

John Pietig
City Manager



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May 31, 2013

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

**Re: Letter of Support for OC Parks Proposition 12 Grant
Application – Entry Improvements at Aliso and Wood Canyons
Wilderness Park**

Dear Chair Bosco and Directors:

The City of Aliso Viejo prides themselves on open space, parks and trails and is considered a walkable community. The Aliso and Wood Canyons Wilderness Park, which is operated by the County of Orange, is adjacent to Aliso Viejo and used heavily by our residents.

OC Parks has submitted a grant request in the amount of \$675,000 to enhance the entryway to Aliso and Wood Canyons Wilderness Park. As a collaborate partner with OC Parks, Laguna Canyon Foundation, and OC Watershed and Education Center, the City of Aliso Viejo is in support of the enhanced entryway. This park entry improvement will provide safe access to the Aliso Creek Trail system and the open space areas of Aliso and Wood Canyons Wilderness Park.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Carmen Cave".

Carmen Cave
Mayor

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May 22, 2013

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

Re: Letter of Support for OC Parks's Proposition 12 grant Application
entitled "*Entry Improvements – Aliso and Wood Canyons Wilderness
Park*"

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.

OC Parks has submitted a grant request for \$675,000 to enhance the entryway to Aliso and Wood Canyons Wilderness Park. As a cooperating nonprofit agency for the 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 entry way 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 29, 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 OC Park Prop. 12 grant application: Entry Improvements-Aliso and Woods Canyon Park (AWWP).

Dear Chair Bosco and Directors,

Laguna Greenbelt, Inc., is a long time grassroots community organization, dedicated to advocating for the preservation of natural lands in Orange County, especially in the coastal canyons near Laguna Beach.

Our coastal greenbelt is now 22,000 acres of parks and preserves, all in public ownership. However, acquisition of open space is only the first step to permanent preservation. Wise management and careful stewardship must be maintained in perpetuity, and recreation must be balanced with preservation. To that end, we support OC Park's grant request for \$675,000 for an improved entryway and visitor-serving amenities at Aliso and Woods Canyons Wilderness Park.

The parks in the coastal greenbelt are islands in a sea of urbanization, under constant pressure from visitors. Many of these do not understand the fragility of the park habitats nor their inherent dangers. Education is the only way to protect both park and visitors. The entryway will be an important transition zone into the park, and will provide opportunities for visitors to learn to appreciate its natural resources. Planned enhancements include outdoor classroom facilities under the Sycamore trees, interpretive signage and a visitor center and ranger station.

Finally, the entryway will formally link the park to the 18-mile long Aliso Creek Regional Trail, a National Recreational Trail linking the ocean to the Santa Ana Mountains.

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.

Elisabeth M. Brown, Ph.D., President
lagunagreenbelt@gmail.com



June 10, 2013

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

Re: Support for OCPark Prop. 12 grant application: *Entry Improvements-Aliso and Woods Canyon Park.*

Dear Chair Bosco and Board Members:

The Orange Coast Watershed and Environmental Center a 501 (c)(3) organization dedicated to watershed and environmental education and outreach in Orange County wishes to note it support for OCParks request for \$675,000 in Prop. 12 funds to improve the entry and information center at the gateway to Aliso and Woods Canyon Wilderness Park.

Your positive action to approve this request will result in a major benefit for the community and State.

Very Truly Yours,

ORANGE COAST WATERSHED AND ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER

Jerry McCloskey
President