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Hon. Douglas Bosco, Chairman
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor,
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**RE: City of Calistoga's Grant Application for Bay Area Ridge Trail
Grant**

Dear Mr. Bosco,

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California Coastal Conservancy
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I respectfully request approval of the City of Calistoga's grant application. The Vine Trail Coalition has already committed to support the project with \$12,700 in both "in kind" and monetary donations which makes this project a true public/private partnership.

Thank you for your consideration of my request on behalf of this outstanding applicant. If I may provide any additional information, please contact me.

Sincerely,



MIKE THOMPSON
Member of Congress

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CC:Betsy Wilson, Project Manager Coastal Conservancy
Janet McBride, Executive Director, Bay Area Ridge Trail
Richard Spittler, City Manager, City of Calistoga
Chuck McMinn Executive Director, Napa Valley Vine Trail Coalition

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California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
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If funded, this project would benefit visitors and residents of Calistoga, while expanding connectivity to the larger Ridge Trail and Vine Trail projects. Furthermore, this project will provide an access route to central Calistoga, which is an essential component of Napa County's Bicycle Plan. The Fair Way Extension project would not only provide connections to a network of existing trails, but would also significantly improve the safety of cyclists and walkers. The trail network could then be accessible for recreationalists, commuters and students from nearby public schools. The benefits will also be found in providing non-motorized alternatives to tourists visiting Napa Valley.

The Vine Trail Coalition has already committed to support the project with \$12,700 in both in-kind and other monetary donations, making this project a true public/private partnership. The Fair Way Extension project would be of great benefit to the walking and cycling constituents of my senate district and I urge your consideration of this grant application.

Sincerely,

NOREEN EVANS
Senator, 2nd District

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April 2, 2013

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Diane Dillon".

Diane Dillon
Napa County Supervisor, District 3

cc: Betsy Wilson, Project Manager Coastal Conservancy
Janet McBride, Executive Director, Bay Area Ridge Trail
Richard Spittler, City Manager, City of Calistoga
Chuck McMinn Executive Director, Napa Valley Vine Trail Coalition



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and Open Space District**

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April 8, 2013

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

Subject: City of Calistoga Grant Application for Bay Area Ridge Trail

Dear Mr. Bosco:

The Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District (“Park District”) supports the application by the City of Calistoga through the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council to help fund the environmental documents and engineering plans needed for the Fair Way Extension Project (“Project”).

This Project represents an important connecting segment for joint regional trails in north Napa County. The Bay Area Ridge Trail and the Napa Valley Vine Trail will share the same route in this area of Napa County. Our District manages the Oat Hill Mine Trail segment at the north terminus of the Project and has assumed administration of Bothe-Napa Valley State Park where another joint segment will occur further south. The grant request will compliment other significant funding already identified for the development of these joint regional trails segments. Our Park District already has made improvements at the Oat Hill Mine Trail to make it accessible to the public and we continue to make upgrades at Bothe-Napa Valley State Park to make it a more appealing destination.

Receiving this grant will benefit the citizens and visitors of Napa County as well as the City of Calistoga providing a needed access route through central Calistoga identified in the Napa Countywide Bicycle Plan. The Project represents a key, high-visibility gap closure.

Sincerely,

Anthony Norris, President of the Board, Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District

cc:

Betsy Wilson, Project Manager Coastal Conservancy

Janet McBride, Executive Director, Bay Area Ridge Trail

Richard Spitler, City Manager, City of Calistoga

Chuck McMinn, Executive Director, Napa Valley Vine Trail Coalition

John Woodbury, General Manager, Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District



April 17, 2013

Chuck McMinn
Executive Director

Shannon Kuleto
Operations Director

Hon. Douglas Bosco,
Chair of the Conservancy,
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor,
Oakland, CA 94612

**NAPA VALLEY VINE TRAIL
COALITION BOARD
MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS**

Re: City of Calistoga's Grant Application for Bay Area Ridge Trail Grant

Dear Mr. Bosco,

LAND INTEREST GROUPS

Napa Valley Vintners (co-founder)
Napa Valley Grapegrowers (co-founder)
Land Trust of Napa County (co-founder)
Napa County Farm Bureau
Winegrowers of Napa County

On behalf of the Napa Valley Vine Trail Coalition, we are writing to enthusiastically endorse the City of Calistoga's application to the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council for funding for the environmental documents and engineering plans for the Fair Way Extension project. The Vine Trail Coalition has already committed to support the project with \$12,700 in both "in kind" and monetary donations which make this project a true public/private partnership.

PUBLIC AGENCIES

Napa County Transportation & Planning Agency (NCTPA)
City of Vallejo/Solano County NCTPA/TAC Public Works Planners
Active Transportation Advisory Committees of Napa County (ATAC)
Napa County Regional Park & Open Space District
California Department of Fish & Game
Napa County Planning Commission
Napa County Law Enforcement
Napa County Sheriff's Department
City of Napa Police Department
California Highway Patrol
Caltrans District 4

The Napa Valley Vine Trail Coalition is a grass-roots nonprofit with a vision to build a walking/biking trail system connecting the entire Napa Valley. With strong and generous support from a broad spectrum of community and civic organizations, we are working to design, fund, construct, and maintain 47 safe and scenic miles of family-friendly, free-access Class I trail, stretching from the Vallejo Ferry to its northern gateway right in Calistoga. This project is the first step in the development of the new northern route for the Bay Area Ridge Trail, taking it through the spa town of Calistoga. The Ridge Trail and Vine Trail have coordinated to share the same route in this Calistoga section.

ECONOMIC INTEREST GROUPS

Napa Valley Destination Council
Napa Valley Chambers of Commerce
NV Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
Calistoga Vitality Group
Cycling Businesses of Napa Valley

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ENVIRONMENTAL INTEREST GROUPS

Sierra Club Napa Group
Sustainable Napa County
Friends of the Napa River

The Vine Trail Coalition wholeheartedly supports this project, and is happy to commit our investment for this great opportunity. Thank you for the Coastal Conservancy's consideration.

CULTURAL & COMMUNITY INTEREST GROUPS

Napa County Bicycle Coalition
Health, Wellness & Medical Coalition
Youth Development/Safety Education
Safe Routes to School Napa County
Rotary Clubs of Napa Valley
Arts Council Napa Valley

Respectfully,

Charles McMinn
Executive Director, Napa Valley Vine Trail Coalition

cc: Betsy Wilson, Project Manager Coastal Conservancy
Janet McBride, Executive Director, Bay Area Ridge Trail
Richard Spitler, City Manager, City of Calistoga

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February 14, 2013

Janet McBride
Executive Director
Bay Area Ridge Trail Council
1007 General Kennedy Avenue, Suite 3
San Francisco CA 94129-1405

Re: Fairway Extension Class I Multi-Use Trail to Washington-Dunaweal Bike Path

Dear Janet:

I am writing to urge the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council to approve Calistoga's grant request for preparation of environmental documents and engineering plans for a Class I multi-use trail connection from the existing Washington-Dunaweal bike path to Lincoln Avenue. This project is referred to in the City of Calistoga's Bike Plan as the Fairway Extension.

As you know, the existing Washington-Dunaweal bike path will eventually become part of the Napa Valley Vine Trail and the Bay Area Ridge Trail. This trail segment will become part of the spine of the County-Wide bike network, providing a safe route for non-motorized transportation between the five cities in Napa Valley. This will also be an important resident-serving asset benefitting the families of Calistoga by providing a safe way to access Napa Bothe State Park on foot or by bicycle.

The Class I link to Lincoln Avenue is especially important because it makes qualification for public funding more likely since those funds will advance completion of key segments of two trails. Besides serving the Vine Trail, it will be a key segment of the connector for Bay Area Ridge Trail where it traverses the Valley from Napa Bothe State Park to Oat Hill Mine Road, linking footpaths in the Mayacamas Mountains to those in the Vaca Mountains.

Thank you for your consideration; we believe the Ridge Trail's contribution will accelerate implementation of this strategic segment of the Ridge Trail and VineTrail.

Sincerely,

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Michael J. Costanzo
Executive Director, Napa County Bicycle Coalition



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April 29, 2013

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Sincerely,

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Dieter Deiss
Chair

cc:

Betsy Wilson, Project Manager Coastal Conservancy
Janet McBride, Executive Director, Bay Area Ridge Trail
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Douglas Bosco, Chair
Attn: Matt Gerhart
Betsy Wilson
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May 13, 2013

Dear Chair Bosco,

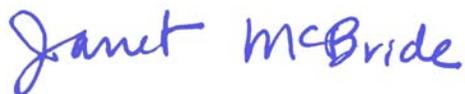
The Bay Area Ridge Trail Council (Council) is pleased to serve in partnership with the Coastal Conservancy, assisting with a competitive grant program offering State funds for acquisition, planning, and construction of the Bay Area Ridge Trail. We are creating a continuous 550+ mile multi use path on the ridgelines around San Francisco Bay and over 340 miles are now dedicated to enjoy today and protected for future generations.

On May 1, 2013 the Ridge Trail Council Board of Directors voted to endorse a funding request from the City of Calistoga (Calistoga) for up to \$50,000 to help fund planning of a 0.6 mile segment of the Bay Area Ridge Trail along a former railroad right of way near downtown Calistoga. The Fair Way Extension, a Class I path, is part of the Ridge Trail's new GoNorth alignment in Napa County which will eventually include a spur trail up to Mt. St. Helena, the highest peak (4386') in the Bay Area. This section of the Ridge Trail is a shared alignment with the Napa Valley Vine Trail. Conservancy funds would be matched by \$5,000 from the Napa Valley Vine Trail Coalition and an in-kind topographic survey, valued at approximately \$7,700, also from the Vine Trail Coalition.

The Fair Way Extension grant would fund environmental review and engineering (100%). When the path is built, it will connect directly with an existing .9 mile Class I facility immediately to the south, and eventually west to connect to Bothe Napa State Park. Two existing trails in Bothe Napa State Park are planned to be dedicated as Ridge Trail as soon as next spring.

The Council is pleased to support this grant request based on significance for the Ridge Trail, public access benefits, and collaborative partnership.

Sincerely,



Janet McBride, Executive Director
Bay Area Ridge Trail Council