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August 28, 2013

Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chairman
State Coastal Conservancy
c/o Mr. Jeff Melby
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

Dear Mr. Bosco:

I am writing to lend my full support to the City of San Jose Department of Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services request for Bay Area Ridge Trail grant funds for construction of the Penitencia Creek Trail between Noble Avenue and Dorel Drive. This funding will allow the City of San Jose to take advantage of a mutually beneficial partnership with the Santa Clara Valley Water District to restore a portion of the stream channel and over an acre of adjacent flood plain.

This project will fill a gap in this trail system, better linking the community to surrounding city and county parks and open space, educational facilities, community centers and youth facilities. The Penitencia Creek Trail also connects to other local and regional trail systems and is part of the Bay Area Ridge Trail.

The Penitencia Creek Trail is an integral part of the community's transportation and recreation infrastructure, is well-loved by the surrounding community and has broad public support. I am in full support of this exciting and important opportunity.

Thank you for your full and fair consideration of this grant application. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or need further assistance from my office. It is an honor and a privilege to serve you in the legislature.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert A. Wieckowski".

Bob Wieckowski
Assemblymember, 25th District



Bay Area
Ridge
Trail
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Douglas Bosco, Chair
Attn: Matt Gerhart
Jeff Melby
State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

September 28, 2011

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 an uninterrupted 550+ mile multi use path on the ridgelines around San Francisco Bay and over 330 miles, including over 70 miles in Santa Clara County, are now dedicated to enjoy today and protected for future generations.

On June 9, 2011 the Ridge Trail Council Board of Directors voted to endorse a funding request from the City of San José (City) for \$200,000 to help fund construction of a 0.4 mile segment of the Bay Area Ridge Trail along Penitencia Creek in San José. This multi-use trail development is part of a larger riparian corridor project that will restore a portion of the creek channel and over an acre of adjacent flood plain. Conservancy funds would be matched by approximately \$990,000 from the City, and \$300,000 from the Santa Clara Valley Water District.

The Conservancy previously provided construction support for other segments of Penitencia Creek Trail. Approximately 0.5 mile of trail construction was funded by Conservancy Ridge Trail grants to the City and to the Santa Clara County Parks Department, totaling \$200,000.

The Penitencia Creek Reach 1b trail segment will connect west to 3.5 miles of existing Ridge Trail along Penitencia Creek, and extend east to within 0.2 mile of existing Ridge Trail in Alum Rock Park. Closing that last short gap is a high priority for the City and the Council.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Janet McBride". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Janet McBride, Executive Director
Bay Area Ridge Trail Council





Kansen Chu
COUNCILMEMBER

August 21, 2013

Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chairman
State Coastal Conservancy
c/o Jeff Melby
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

Mr. Bosco:

I am writing in support of the City of San Jose Department of Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services (PRNS) Penitencia Creek Trail extension project, located along Penitencia Creek between Noble Avenue and Dorel Drive.

The Penitencia Creek Trail is an integral part of the community's transportation and recreation infrastructure, is well-loved by the surrounding community and has broad community support. This project will fill a gap in this trail system, better linking the community to surrounding city and county parks and open space, educational facilities, and community centers and youth facilities. The Penitencia Creek Trail also connects to other local and regional trail systems and is part of the Bay Area Ridge Trail.

To date San Jose has developed 55 miles of urban off-street trails throughout the City and we are slated to develop a total of 100 miles by 2022. We have a legacy of delivering high-quality, well-developed trails, and the Penitencia Creek Trail project will be no exception. I am in full support of this exciting and important opportunity.

Sincerely,

Kansen Chu
Councilmember



August 26, 2013

Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chairman
State Coastal Conservancy
c/o Jeff Melby
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

Mr. Bosco:

I am writing on behalf of the Santa Clara County Open Space Authority (SCCOSA) to lend our support to the City of San Jose Department of Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services (PRNS) project to extend the Penitencia Creek Trail between Noble Avenue and Dorel Drive. The SCCOSA provided grant funding for the development of the trail systems master plan in 2002 and we are pleased to see design and construction work moving forward.

The mission of the SCCOSA is to work to preserve key portions of the natural environment in order to balance continuing urban growth and to connect people to these invaluable and irreplaceable open space areas. This project will fill a gap in this trail system, and completion of this segment would result in enhanced connectivity options for residents of communities directly adjacent to the trail and for the greater Bay Area as a whole.

To date San Jose has developed 55 miles of urban off-street trails throughout the City and is slated to develop a total of 100 miles by 2022. They have a legacy of delivering high-quality, well-developed trails and the SCCOSA is proud to have supported some of these efforts through our Urban Open Space Funding Program. We look forward to the completion of the Penitencia Creek Trail and fully support this exciting and important project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andrea Mackenzie". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Andrea Mackenzie
General Manager

Cc: Authority Board of Directors
Yves Zsutty, City of San Jose
Rachel Santos, Open Space Planner

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Exhibit 3: Project Letters

Mr. Richard P. Santos, District 3 Director
Santa Clara Valley Water District
5750 Almaden Expressway
San Jose, CA 95118-3686

August 28, 2013

Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chairman
State Coastal Conservancy
c/o Jeff Melby
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

Mr. Bosco:

I would like to add my full positive support of the City of San Jose Department of Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services (PRNS) project to extend the Penitencia Creek Trail between Noble Avenue and Dorel Drive.

The Santa Clara Valley Water District (District) manages an integrated water resources system that includes the supply of clean, safe water, flood protection and stewardship of streams on behalf of Santa Clara County's 1.8 million residents. As a part of this effort, the District partners with cities and the county to provide open space and recreational opportunities along creeks throughout the county. The District has partnered with the City of San Jose on the Penitencia Creek Trail project and completion of this segment will fill a gap in this trail system. This extension will result in improved recreational opportunities for residents of communities directly adjacent to the trail and for the greater Bay Area as a whole.

To date San Jose has developed 55 miles of urban off-street trails throughout the City and is slated to develop a total of 100 miles by 2022. They have a legacy of delivering high-quality, well-developed trails and the District regularly supports these efforts. I look forward to the completion of the Penitencia Creek Trail and am in full support of this exciting and important project.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Richard P. Santos".

Richard P. Santos, Director, District 3
Santa Clara Valley Water District

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August 23, 2013

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

Attn.: Jeff Melby

Dear Mr. Bosco:

I am writing in support of the City of San Jose Department of Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services request for Bay Area Ridge Trail grant funds for construction of the Penitencia Creek Trail between Noble Avenue and Dorel Drive.

The approval of funding will allow San Jose to take full advantage of a partnership with the Santa Clara Valley Water District to restore the stream channel and over an acre of adjacent flood plains.

This project will fill a gap in the trail system, better linking the community to surrounding parks and open space, educational facilities, community centers and youth facilities. The Penitencia Creek Trail is an integral part of the community's transportation and recreation infrastructure, and connects to other local and regional trail systems and is part of the Bay Area Ridge Trail.

Thank you for your full and fair consideration of this grant application consistent with all applicable laws, rules and regulations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ellen M. Corbett".

ELLEN M. CORBETT
Senate Majority Leader

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