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August 20, 2013

Douglas Bosco, Chairman
Attn: Brenda Buxton
California State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, Suite 1100
Oakland, CA 94612

Re: Support for Vargas Plateau Staging Area

Dear Mr. Bosco,

I write to express my strong support of the East Bay Regional Park District's (EBRPD) application to the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council and the San Francisco Bay Area Program of the Coastal Conservancy for construction of a staging area located in the ridge lands of southern Alameda County. The Bay Area Ridge Trail Council is working with EBRPD to advance this project in order to complete a portion of the East Bay Ridge Trail, a proposed 400-mile trail network that will link parklands and open space preserves around the San Francisco Bay.

The project will construct a public access staging area at Vargas Plateau Regional Park, immediately south of Niles Canyon. When complete, the project will provide access to approximately 1.5 miles of the Bay Area Ridge Trail and enhance recreational activities for residents of the East Bay region.

I respectfully request the California Coastal Conservancy give favorable consideration to the EBRPD's application.

Sincerely,



Eric Swalwell
Member of Congress

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August 23, 2013

Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chairman
California State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, Suite 1100
Oakland, CA 94612

Attn: Brenda Buxton

Dear Mr. Bosco:

I wish to express my strong support of the East Bay Regional Park District's application to the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council and the San Francisco Bay Area Program of the Coastal Conservancy for construction of a staging area located in the ridge lands of southern Alameda County.

The Regional Park District is working with the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council on this project in an effort to further complete the East Bay portion of the Ridge Trail, a proposed 400-mile trail network that will link parklands and open space preserves around the San Francisco Bay.

The project is to construct a public access staging area at Vargas Plateau Regional Park, south of Niles Canyon. When complete, the project will provide access to approximately 1.5 miles of the Bay Area Ridge Trail.

I strongly support the East Bay Regional Park District's efforts, and thank you for your careful consideration of their application.

Sincerely,


ELLEN M. CORBETT
Senate Majority Leader

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August 20, 2013

Douglas Bosco, Chairman
Attn: Brenda Buxton
California State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, Suite 1100
Oakland, CA 94612

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The project is to construct a public access staging area at Vargas Plateau Regional Park. The Vargas property is immediately south of Niles Canyon. When complete, the project will provide access to approximately 1.5 miles of the Bay Area Ridge Trail.

I respectfully request the California Coastal Conservancy give favorable consideration to the District's application for funding. Please let me know if you have any additional questions about this grant application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bill Quirk".

Bill Quirk
Assemblyman, 20th District



B O A R D O F S U P E R V I S O R S

SCOTT HAGGERT
SUPERVISOR, FIRST DISTRICT

August 19, 2013

Douglas Bosco, Chairman
Attn: Brenda Buxton
California State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, Suite 1100
Oakland, CA 94612

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I respectfully request the California Coastal Conservancy give favorable consideration to the District's application for funding. If you have any additional questions about this grant application please contact me at 925-551-6995.

Sincerely,

Scott Haggerty, Vice President
Alameda County Board of Supervisors, District 1



Douglas Bosco, Chair
Attn: Brenda Buxton
State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

July 23, 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 an uninterrupted 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 March 14, 2013 the Council's Board of Directors endorsed a funding request from the East Bay Regional Park District (District) for up to \$200,000 to help fund construction of a staging area and upgrade approximately 1.5 miles of ranch roads at Vargas Plateau Regional Park, on the ridge above Fremont. Conservancy funds would be matched by approximately \$182,000 from the District. Total estimated cost of the staging area and trails construction is \$382,000. The 25-car staging area will provide critical infrastructure necessary to allow opening of Vargas Plateau Regional Park to the public, and the ranch roads will be dedicated as part of the primary Ridge Trail route.

The Conservancy previously provided support for Ridge Trail planning at Vargas and nearby North Garin/Garin/Dry Creek Regional Parks. Approximately 15 miles of Ridge Trail alignment, from Vargas to North Garin, was adopted as a result of those plans. The Council and District plan future extension of the Ridge Trail north from Vargas Plateau to the Alameda Creek Trail and Garin/Dry Creek, which, combined with existing dedicated trails further north, will result in over 55 miles of continuous Ridge Trail in Alameda and Contra Costa counties. Closing the Garin/Dry Creek gap is a high priority for the District 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".

Janet McBride, Executive Director
Bay Area Ridge Trail Council

