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August 28, 2013

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

Dear Chair Bosco:

This letter is to express my support for the application submitted by the Land Trust of Santa Cruz County and Save the Redwoods League for a \$2 million grant from the State Coastal Conservancy to permanently protect the 8,532-acre Cemex Redwoods property.

The Cemex Redwoods property is rich in biodiversity and, when combined with other protected lands in the area, would link 27,500 acres of coast redwoods, providing both critical habitat corridors and recreational opportunities. A Coastal Conservancy grant will provide a permanent conservation easement for the Cemex Redwoods property and protect its old-growth redwoods in perpetuity, as well as support the local economy through sustainable timber harvests done in accordance with a conservation plan.

The Land Trust of Santa Cruz County and Save the Redwoods League have a history of working with public and private partners to protect agricultural, cultural and open space lands, and I request the California State Coastal Conservancy's support their application for funding.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William W. Monning", written in a cursive style.

WILLIAM W. MONNING
Senator, 17th District

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MARK STONE
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August 30, 2013

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

RE: Support for the Cemex Redwoods Funding Application

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I am writing to support the grant request by the Land Trust of Santa Cruz County and Save the Redwoods League. This \$2,000,000 request will fund a conservation easement to permanently protect over 8500 acres of biologically diverse open space, as well as the development of a plan for public access to the property.

In 2012, five Bay Area land preservation groups joined forces to purchase the Cemex Redwoods property, previously the largest parcel under private ownership in Santa Cruz County. The purchase created a connected area of 27,500 acres of protected space, from Big Basin Redwoods State Park to Wilder Ranch State Park. The Cemex property is rich in natural resources and biodiversity, encompassing redwood and oak forests, and critical habitat for mountain lions, Coho salmon and steelhead.

Your support of the work by the Land Trust of Santa Cruz County, Save the Redwoods League and their partners, including the Nature Conservancy, the Peninsula Open Space Trust, and Sempervirens Fund, will help to ensure responsible stewardship of the property in perpetuity. The conservation easement will protect the most vulnerable areas of the parcel, including stands of old growth redwoods, while allowing public access and creating an economically sustainable model of limited timber harvests in accordance with the conservation plan.

Thank you for your consideration of this very worthy proposal, and please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mark Stone".

Mark Stone
Assemblymember, 29th District



County of Santa Cruz

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September 3, 2013

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

RE: SUPPORT FOR THE CEMEX REDWOODS FUNDING APPLICATION

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I am the Third District Supervisor and current Chair of the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors and I am writing to encourage the Coastal Conservancy to approve the \$2,000,000 grant request from the Land Trust of Santa Cruz County and Save the Redwoods League to permanently protect the 8,532-acre Cemex Redwoods property by acquiring a conservation easement and developing a public access plan for the property.

The Cemex Redwoods property, which is located in the district I represent, is rich in biodiversity and has been identified as a high conservation priority in several regional planning efforts. The conservation easement will protect the property's natural resources, particularly old-growth redwoods in perpetuity, and will provide all Californians with a unique and unparalleled opportunity for outdoor recreation. When combined with other protected lands in the area, the property links 27,500 acres of coastal redwoods and rolling grasslands to the beach and the California coast — connectivity that is critical for both recreational and habitat corridors. The conservation easement will also support the local economy by allowing for sustainable timber harvests to be done in accordance with a conservation plan.

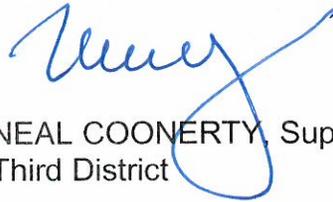
This grant will allow the Land Trust of Santa Cruz County and Save the Redwoods League to work collaboratively with the community and its land trust partners, which include the Nature Conservancy, the Peninsula Open Space Trust, and Sempervirens Fund, to develop a public access plan and to permanently protect more than 8,500 acres of critical coastal lands.

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The Coastal Conservancy's support of this grant is the first step in transforming private, unprotected land into a protected, outdoor recreational opportunity for the region, where the public can explore coastal watersheds, seek refuge in redwood forests, and soak in the expansive views of Monterey Bay and the California coast.

The Land Trust of Santa Cruz County has played a major role in protecting and preserving our open space in Santa Cruz County. This grant will allow the Land Trust and their partners to continue that mission. I urge your support of the Cemex Redwoods conservation easement and public access plan grant.

Sincerely,



NEAL COONERTY, Supervisor
Third District

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August 23, 2013

In Reply Refer to:
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Douglas Bosco, Chairman
Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th floor
Oakland, CA 94612
Re: Support for CEMEX Redwoods Funding Application

Dear Chairman Bosco,

I am writing to urge the Coastal Conservancy to approve the \$2,000,000 grant request from Save the Redwoods League and the Land Trust of Santa Cruz County to protect the 8,532-acre CEMEX Redwoods property with a conservation easement and to prepare a public access plan for this property. The pending transfer of Coast Dairies property to Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will create an additional 5,800 acres of protected land directly adjacent to the CEMEX Redwoods property. This acquisition will provide an additional piece of a regional network of conservation open space, providing opportunities for regional trail development and other recreational linkages as well as vital biological “corridors” that mitigate the effects of habitat fragmentation. The access plan proposed under this grant will assist BLM in its own long term planning for Coast Dairies and a collaborative effort to provide seamless management between California State Parks land and the CEMEX Redwoods property.

CEMEX Redwoods is rich in biodiversity and has been identified as a high conservation priority in several regional planning efforts. The conservation easement will protect the property’s natural resources, particularly old-growth redwoods, in perpetuity; and will provide all Californians with a unique and exceptional opportunity for outdoor recreation. When combined with other protected lands in the area, the property links 27,500 acres of coastal redwoods and rolling grasslands to the beach and the California coast—connectivity that is critical for both recreational and habitat corridors. The conservation easement will protect the streams here, which provide crucial drinking water. The easement will also support the local economy by allowing for sustainable timber harvests to be done in accordance with a conservation plan.

Exhibit 7: Project Letters

This grant also will allow Save the Redwoods League and the Land Trust of Santa Cruz County to work collaboratively with the community and its land trust partners, which include the Nature Conservancy, the Peninsula Open Space Trust (POST), and Sempervirens Fund, to develop a public access plan and to permanently protect more than 8,500 acres of critical coastal lands.

The Coastal Conservancy's support of this grant is the first step in transforming private, unprotected land into a protected, outdoor recreational opportunity for the region, where the public can explore coastal watersheds, seek refuge in redwood forests, and soak in the expansive views of Monterey Bay and the California coast.

We urge your support of the CEMEX Redwoods conservation easement and public access plan grant.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rick Cooper". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "R" and a long, sweeping underline.

Rick Cooper
Field Manager
Hollister Field Office
Bureau of Land Management

RESOURCES LEGACY FUND

August 29, 2013

Douglas Bosco, Chairman
Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Re: Support for CEMEX Redwoods Funding Application

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I am writing on behalf of Resources Legacy Fund (RLF), in support of the request from Save the Redwoods League and the Land Trust of Santa Cruz County for a \$2 million grant from the Coastal Conservancy to help protect the 8,532-acre CEMEX Redwoods property in Santa Cruz County with a conservation easement, and to prepare a public access plan for the property. This project advances the objectives of RLF's Bay Area Conservation Initiative (BACI). Funded by the Gordon and Betty Moore and the David and Lucile Packard foundations, BACI supports a collaborative regional approach to land conservation in the Bay Area focused on expanding the network of large-scale conservation areas that support healthy ecosystem functions. Through its associated Living Landscape Initiative Challenge Grant Program, RLF has provided over \$9 million to the CEMEX project.

CEMEX Redwoods is rich in biodiversity and has been identified as a high conservation priority in several regional planning efforts. The conservation easement will protect the property's natural resources—particularly its old-growth redwoods—in perpetuity, and will provide Californians with an exceptional opportunity for outdoor recreation. When combined with other protected lands in the area, the CEMEX property links 27,500 acres of coastal redwoods and rolling grasslands to the coast, connectivity critical to recreational and habitat corridors. The conservation easement also will protect streams that provide local drinking water and support the local economy by allowing for sustainable timber harvests to be conducted in accordance with a conservation plan.

In addition, this grant will enable Save the Redwoods League and the Land Trust of Santa Cruz County to work collaboratively with the local community and its land trust partners—including The Nature Conservancy, Peninsula Open Space Trust, and Sempervirens Fund—to develop a public access plan and to permanently protect more than 8,500 acres of critical coastal lands.

The Coastal Conservancy's support of this project is a key step in transforming private, unprotected land into a significant, protected resource for the region, where the public can explore coastal waters, find refuge in redwood forests, and enjoy majestic views of Monterey Bay and the California coast.

Sincerely,


Sandra Spelliscy
Executive Director

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DAVENPORT/NORTH COAST ASSOCIATION – P.O. BOX 251 – DAVENPORT, CA 95017

August 27, 2013

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

Re: Support for the Cemex Redwoods Funding Application

Dear Chairman Bosco,

Davenport/North Coast Association is writing to urge the Coastal Conservancy to approve the \$2,000,000 grant request from the Land Trust of Santa Cruz County and Save the Redwoods League to permanently protect the 8,532-acre Cemex Redwoods property by acquiring a conservation easement and developing a public access plan for the property.

DNCA is organized to support the civic and social welfare of the people of the town of Davenport and the North Coast vicinity, and to address matters relative to infrastructure, environmental integrity, land use and development, community safety and general welfare. The Association serves as a clearinghouse for information and as a conduit for communication between the community, public agencies, and other entities. We feel this project is an excellent example of our vision in preserving the pristine wilderness quality of the north coast. A comprehensive management plan for public access to the property is extremely important for the residents of Davenport.

Cemex Redwoods is rich in biodiversity and has been identified as a high conservation priority in several regional planning efforts. The conservation easement will protect the property's natural resources, particularly old-growth redwoods in perpetuity, and will provide all Californians with a unique and unparalleled opportunity for outdoor recreation. When combined with other protected lands in the area, the property links 27,500 acres of coastal redwoods and rolling grasslands to the beach and the California coast—connectivity that is critical for both recreational and habitat corridors. The conservation easement will also support the local economy by allowing for sustainable timber harvests to be done in accordance with a conservation plan.

This grant will allow the Land Trust of Santa Cruz County and Save the Redwoods League to work collaboratively with the community and its land trust partners, which include the Nature Conservancy, the Peninsula Open Space Trust, and Sempervirens Fund, to develop a public access plan and to permanently protect more than 8,500 acres of critical coastal lands.

The Coastal Conservancy's support of this grant is the first step in transforming private, unprotected land into a protected, outdoor recreational opportunity for the region, where the public can explore coastal watersheds, seek refuge in redwood forests, and soak in the expansive views of Monterey Bay and the California coast.

We urge your support of the Cemex Redwoods conservation easement and public access plan grant.

Sincerely,

Noel Garin Bock
Chairman, Davenport/North Coast Association

August 30, 2013

The Rural Bonny Doon Association
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Via electronic delivery

Members of the Coastal Conservancy Board,

The Rural Bonny Doon Association has a long history of advocacy for conservation values and appropriate land use planning. Our political boundaries are Santa Cruz County's Bonny Doon Planning area, which encompasses substantial portions of the former Cemex property now temporarily known as Cemex Redwoods since it was acquired by a group of land conservation agencies.

The RBDA Board supports the efforts of the conservation partners to enable public access to the Cemex Redwoods property. We hope that our support for the proposed planning grant will result in public access opportunities that minimize environmental degradation, avoid trespass onto private property and are scaled appropriately so as not to overwhelm our meager local fire, law enforcement and rescue resources.

We also eagerly support funding for the proposed Conservation Easements, and urge that the easements be placed to reduce and mitigate the detrimental impacts that decades of continuous logging have produced on the property's watersheds, which are important habitat for many species, some of which are listed as endangered or threatened.

We urge your Board to apply conditions that will identify funding for future management of the easements. In our area, well intentioned Conservancy funded projects at Laguna Creek and Sand Hill Bluff fail to realize those project's goals because funds are not designated for future monitoring and maintenance.

Sincerely,

Marty Demare
Corresponding Secretary