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Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chairman  
California State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612  
Attn: Joel Gerwein

Dear Mr. Bosco,

As Supervisor for the 4<sup>th</sup> District of Marin County, I am pleased to express my support for the grant application submitted by the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy for the Dias Ridge Connector Trail. This project will design a safe and accessible trail connection between the Dias Ridge Trail and the Redwood Creek Trail—two well-established and popular trails—for hikers, bikers, and equestrians.

This project will provide a safe route for equestrians, pedestrians, and cyclists who currently use a narrow-to-nonexistent shoulder on Highway 1 to travel from Muir Beach and the Dias Ridge Trail to the Redwood Creek Trail/Frank Valley Road. Additionally, this trail will create a seamless and safe connection for transit users who disembark from the popular West Marin Stagecoach at the forthcoming bus stop across from the Pelican Inn at Muir Beach.

For its benefits related to safety, expanding alternative transportation opportunities, and linkages between trail networks for many trail users and groups, I am pleased to lend my support. I am also committed to exploring possible sources of funding for project construction. I respectfully urge the California State Coastal Conservancy to support this important effort to enhance and sustain the park's trails into the future.

Sincerely,

Steve Kinsey  
Supervisor, District Four  
County of Marin

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**Christopher Ruedy**  
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Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chairman  
California State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612

4/6/2013

Dear Mr. Bosco,

It has come to my attention that the Golden Gate National Recreation Area is seeking a grant from the California State Coastal Conservancy in order to fund completion of design on Phase II of the Dias Ridge Trail. I wish to express my support for this project and to urge the Coastal Conservancy to award the requested funds.

Phase II of the Dias Ridge Trail is urgently needed to provide a safe passage for the various users of the recently completed Phase I from the lower trail head to Redwood Creek Trail. In particular, the horse riders from Golden Gate Dairy can not make the connection to Redwood Creek Trail without significant risk due to the automobile traffic on Hwy 1 at this location.

Phase II is a relatively short segment for a trail but would close a key gap between two well established and popular trails. The Bay Area Ridge Trail has even made this a priority and would likely designate this alignment as the route from Muir Beach to Mt Tamalpais.

In addition, the planned new bus stop across the street from the Pelican Inn will only increase the number of users on trails going in both directions, further raising safety concerns in this area.

Please approve the GGNRA's grant application and help this project move to the next step so that we may benefit from the contiguous Dias Ridge Trail as soon as possible.

Yours,

Christopher Ruedy  
Marin Trail Stewards



## Ocean Riders of Marin

*Leaving no carbon hoof print behind*

March 28, 2013

Maureen Pinto  
Golden Gate Dairy Stables  
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Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chairman  
California State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612

Re: Dias Ridge Trail Phase 2 - Connector trail between Dias Ridge Trail and Redwood Creek Trail.

Dear Mr. Bosco

I am writing in support of the Dias Ridge Trail Phase 2, a much needed safety connection trail along Highway One that will link the Dias Ridge Trail and Redwood Creek Trail. The Golden Gate Dairy Stables, managed by Ocean Riders of Marin, is situated at the northern end of the Dias Ridge Trail, which lets out into our parking lot. Ocean Riders will be required to lose between 10 to 15 feet of its horse exercise arena to provide room for the portion of this proposed trail that runs in front of our stables. While this is a sacrifice, we feel it is a fair price to pay for public safety.

Many GGNRA trails south of our stables converge in this area. Hikers, bikers, and equestrians find themselves on this very busy and narrow state highway with no safe shoulder to access the network of trails north of us. While Ocean Rider members are able to choose days with low traffic to reach the trails to the north of us, visiting equestrians often find themselves having to risk riding in heavy traffic for over a quarter mile to complete their ride.

Over the years we have experienced ever increasing traffic on this stretch of Highway One: tour buses which crowd the narrow lanes; motorcycles passing illegally; road rage; and speeding on this short stretch of straight-away. I personally have walked this proposed trail several times with staff from Trails Forever, eager to find a way to close this dangerous gap in our trail system and get hikers, equestrians, and bikers off the highway. We are extremely supportive of getting this long awaited trail funded as soon as possible so construction can get underway.

We encourage you to provide funding for this trail project. It is very much needed.

Maureen Pinto  
Executive Director, Ocean Riders of Marin  
Manager, Golden Gate Dairy Stables

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

March 27, 2013

Dear Mr. Bosco:

The Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA) is seeking funding from the State Coastal Conservancy for the Dias Ridge Trail Connector Phase II project, which would extend the Dias Ridge Trail approximately ¼ mile along Highway 1 through the Muir Beach area, and link to the Redwood Creek Trail/Frank Valley Road. The Marin County Bicycle Coalition (MCBC) is supporting this multiuse project, and we recommend its funding by the Coastal Conservancy.

The proposed Dias Ridge Connector is a crucial trail link that will provide multiple benefits to all trail users – equestrians, pedestrians and cyclists – in an area visited by large numbers of people almost every day of the year, where the narrow shoulder of a busy State highway currently provides the only non-motorized access between the Dias Ridge and Redwood Creek Trails.

This project provides several important benefits, addressing safety, alternative transportation opportunities, linkages between trail networks and more, for many trail users and groups. Among the key reasons we urge your support for this project, the trail would:

- Provide a safe route for equestrians, pedestrians and cyclists who currently must use a narrow to non-existent shoulder on Highway 1 to get from Muir Beach and the Dias Ridge Trail to the Redwood Creek Trail/Frank Valley Road.
- Provide a seamless and safe connection to these trails for transit users who disembark from the popular West Marin Stagecoach at the new bus stop across from the Pelican Inn at Muir Beach.
- Close an existing gap in the trail networks of the Marin Headlands and Mt. Tamalpais areas, helping link public lands managed by several different agencies.

MCBC urges you to provide funding for this key trail project. Please contact me with any questions you may have. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Kim Baenisch, Executive Director