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October 14, 2013

Douglas Bosco, Chairman
State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
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Re: Support for Sonoma Land Trust's Grant Request – Pole Mountain Acquisition

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I am writing to support Sonoma Land Trust's (SLT) request to the State Coastal Conservancy for a grant of \$350,000. These funds will be used to acquire the 238-acre Pole Mountain property, the essential wildlife and recreational connection between the 5,630-acre Jenner Headlands and SLT's 500-acre Little Black Mountain Preserve. Pole Mountain contains the headwaters of three important salmonid streams, and with an elevation of 2,204 feet, is the highest point on the Sonoma Coast – second in this coastal region only to Mt. Tamalpais in Marin County. Pole Mountain is also home to one of the last remaining volunteer Fire Lookouts in the State, which provides an extremely important community service during the fire season. If not protected, the land will likely be sold as four estate home sites with hobby vineyards.

Protecting Pole Mountain will create a large, contiguous and protected area from the shore of the Pacific Ocean to the highest point along Sonoma's coast all of which is within the district I represent. Creating this protected area will achieve multiple objectives for both wildlife and human users, as the property provides the opportunity to enhance coho and steelhead fishery habitat and terrestrial endangered species habitat. In addition, it will provide variability for adapting to the effects of climate change; cultural resource protection; and recreational and educational programs. The top of Pole Mountain provides visitors with unobstructed 360-degree views of Sonoma County and beyond. Its protection will ensure the continued use as a vital Fire Lookout.

As the Assemblymember representing this area in addition to Chair of the Assembly Natural Resources Committee and the Joint Committee on Fisheries and Aquaculture I strongly support this project. In addition to my support and along with the Sonoma Land Trust, this project also enjoys the support of the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District, the David and Lucile Packard Foundation and the State Coastal Conservancy.

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Exhibit 4: Project Letters

I urge the Coastal Conservancy to approve Sonoma Land Trust's application for funding.
If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact my office.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Wesley Chesbro", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

WESLEY CHESBRO

cc: Lisa Ames, State Coastal Conservancy
Amy Chesnut, Sonoma Land Trust

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October 15, 2013

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

Re: Support for grant for Pole Mountain Acquisition

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I am writing to support the Sonoma Land Trust's request to the State Coastal Conservancy for a grant of \$350,000 to acquire the 238-acre Pole Mountain property. This keystone property provides an essential wildlife and recreational connection between the 5,630-acre Jenner Headlands and SLT's 500-acre Little Black Mountain Preserve.

Pole Mountain, with an elevation of 2,204 feet, has the highest elevation on the Sonoma Coast – second in this coastal region only to Mt. Tamalpais in Marin County. Pole Mountain is also home to one of the last remaining volunteer Fire Lookouts in the State, which serves an extremely important community service during the dangerous the fire season.

If not protected, the land will be subdivided for sale as four estate home sites with hobby vineyards.

SLT's acquisition of Pole Mountain would create a large, contiguous and protected area from the shore of the Pacific Ocean to the highest point along Sonoma's coast, including three important salmonid streams. The acquisition would provide the opportunity to enhance Coho and steelhead fishery habitat, terrestrial endangered species habitat and provide variability for adapting to the effects of climate change; cultural resource protection; and recreational and educational programs, including increased opportunities for recreational hunting programs in Sonoma County.

For all of these reasons, I urge the State Coastal Conservancy to approve this project and the Sonoma Land Trust's grant request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Noreen Evans". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "N" and a long, sweeping underline.

Noreen Evans
Senator, 2nd District

cc: Amy Chesnut, Sonoma Land Trust

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Douglas Bosco, Chairman
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1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Re: Support for Sonoma Land Trust's Grant Request – Pole Mountain Acquisition

Chairman Bosco,

I am writing to express The Wildlands Conservancy's support for the Sonoma Land Trust request to the State Coastal Conservancy for a grant of \$350,000 to acquire the 238-acre Pole Mountain property. Pole Mountain is the essential wildlife and recreational connection between the 5,630-acre Jenner Headlands and SLT's 500-acre Little Black Mountain Preserve. If not protected, the land will be sold as estate home sites with hobby vineyards.

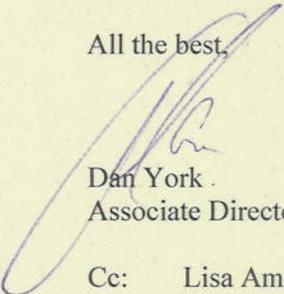
The Wildlands Conservancy has enjoyed a remarkable and highly effective partnership with Sonoma Land Trust in acquiring and managing the Jenner Headlands Preserve. The acquisition of Pole Mountain will expand the conservation envelope and create a large, contiguous and protected area from the shore of the Pacific Ocean to the highest point along Sonoma's coast.

This acquisition will achieve multiple objectives for both wildlife and human users. The property provides the opportunity to enhance terrestrial endangered species habitat and extends variability for adaptation to climate change; cultural resource protection; public access; and recreational and educational programs.

Please join the Sonoma Land Trust, Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District, the David and Lucile Packard Foundation and the Wildlife Conservation Board to help protect this unique and critical property.

The Wildlands Conservancy urges the State Coastal Conservancy Board to approve this project and grant funding to the Sonoma Land Trust.

All the best,


Dan York
Associate Director

Cc: Lisa Ames, State Coastal Conservancy
Amy Chesnut, Sonoma Land Trust

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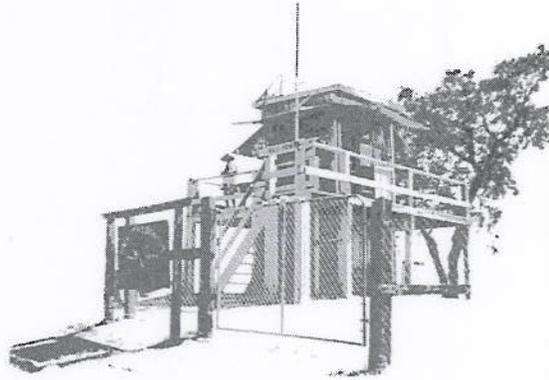
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POLE MOUNTAIN FIRE LOOKOUT, INC.
P.O. Box 568, MONTE RIO, CA 95462

November 18, 2013

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

Re: Support for Sonoma Land Trust's Grant Request – Pole Mountain Acquisition

Dear Chairman Bosco,

I am writing to support Sonoma Land Trust's request to the Department of Fish and Wildlife, and ultimately the Wildlife Conservation Board for a grant of \$650,000 to acquire the 238-acre Pole Mountain property, the essential wildlife and recreational connection between the 5,630-acre Jenner Headlands and Sonoma Land Trust's 500-acre Little Black Mountain Preserve.

This property contains our fire lookout that aids in the detection of fires and records weather observations that assist in determining how many firefighting resources are sent to a fire. We have met with Sonoma Land Trust and they support the long term operation of the lookout and are willing to collaborate on its success in the future.

I urge the Department of Fish and Wildlife, and the Wildlife Conservation Board to approve this project and grant to the Sonoma Land Trust.

Sincerely,

Marshall Turbeville
Board President

Cc: Lisa Ames, State Coastal Conservancy
Amy Chesnut, Sonoma Land Trust

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Please join the Sonoma Land Trust, Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District, the David and Lucile Packard Foundation and the Wildlife Conservation Board to help protect this unique and critical property.

On behalf of the Jenner Community Club, I urge the Coastal Conservancy to approve this grant to the Sonoma Land Trust.

Sincerely,



Cal Ares
President

Cc: Lisa Ames, State Coastal Conservancy
Amy Chesnut, Sonoma Land Trust

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Stewards of the Coast and Redwoods
Preservation through Education & Stewardship
Russian River District State Parks

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

Re: Support for Sonoma Land Trust's Grant Request – Pole Mountain Acquisition

Dear Chairman Bosco,

On behalf of Stewards of the Coast and Redwoods, I am writing to support Sonoma Land Trust's request to the State Coastal Conservancy for a grant of \$350,000 to acquire the 238-acre Pole Mountain property, the essential wildlife and recreational connection between the 5,630-acre Jenner Headlands and SLT's 500-acre Little Black Mountain Preserve. Pole Mountain contains the headwaters of three important salmonid streams, and, with an elevation of 2,204 feet, is the highest point on the Sonoma Coast – second in this coastal region only to Mt. Tamalpais in Marin County. Pole Mountain is also home to one of the last remaining volunteer Fire Lookouts in the State, which serves an extremely important community service during the fire season.

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Stewards urges the Coastal Conservancy to approve this grant to the Sonoma Land Trust.

Sincerely,

Michele Luna
Executive Director

Cc: Lisa Ames, State Coastal Conservancy
Amy Chesnut, Sonoma Land Trust

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