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December 3, 2013

Maureen Gaffney  
Bay Trail Planner  
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RE: Support for Grant Request from the Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District  
Napa River and Bay Trail: Soscol Ferry Road to Anselmo Court

Dear Ms. Gaffney:

I am writing in full support of the \$120,000 grant request from the Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District to help fund the construction of the section of the San Francisco Bay Trail between Soscol Ferry Road and Anselmo Court in Napa County.

This 0.8 mile section of the Bay Trail is a critical link in three significant trails. In addition to completing a portion of the San Francisco Bay Trail, it also serves as a link in the Napa River Trail as well as the Napa Valley Vine Trail. When completed the Napa River Trail will extend from the northern boundary of the City of Napa to the southern boundary of the City of American Canyon and the Vine Trail will extend from the City of Calistoga to the Vallejo Ferry Terminal.

It is my understanding that the environmental review was completed in the spring of 2010, but has not yet been constructed due to lack of funding. The requested \$120,000 in grant funds, combined with a local match of \$109,500 provided by the Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District, will enable this section of trail to be completed.

This section of trail will provide residents and tourists with better access along the Napa River and their ability to enjoy the area's natural beauty. Thank you for your consideration and please contact my office if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lois Wolk".

LOIS WOLK  
Senate, 3<sup>rd</sup> District



**Mariko Yamada** ASSEMBLYMEMBER, FOURTH DISTRICT

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California Legislature

December 5, 2013

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This 0.8 mile section of the Bay Trail is a critical link in three significant trails; it links the San Francisco Bay Trail, the Napa River Trail and the Napa Valley Vine Trail. The completed Napa River Trail will extend from the northern boundary of Napa to the southern boundary of American Canyon. The Vine Trail when complete, will extend from Calistoga to the Vallejo Ferry Terminal.

This section of trail will provide legal, safe access to the Napa River and visual access to both natural and constructed brackish and freshwater wetlands. Construction of this section of trail in 2014 will also enhance the likelihood of approval by the Napa County Sanitation District in extending the trail to the south. This is the next step in the plan to close the remaining gap in the Bay Trail between American Canyon and Napa.

The environmental review was completed in 2010 and the required discretionary permits have been obtained. With this grant and the local funding match of \$109,500, the District will be able to move forward before the current environmental clearance needs to be redone.

Your consideration of this grant request is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

MARIKO YAMADA  
Assemblymember 4th District

# Friends of the Napa River

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November 28, 2013

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**Support for Grant Request from the Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District:  
Napa River and Bay Trail: Soscol Ferry Road to San Anselmo Court**

Dear Ms. Gaffney:

On behalf of the **Friends of the Napa River (FONR)**, a nonprofit community organization dedicated to the restoration, protection and celebration of the Napa River and its watershed, I am writing to express support for the requested \$120,000 grant from the Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District to help fund the construction of the section of the San Francisco Bay Trail between Soscol Ferry Road and San Anselmo Court.

This 0.8 mile section of the Bay Trail is a critical link in three significant trails by completing a portion of the **San Francisco Bay Trail**, and the **Napa Valley Vine Trail** and also serves as a link into the **Napa River Trail**:

- The Napa River Trail, when complete, will extend from the northern boundary of the City of Napa to Kennedy Park sharing the same alignment as
- The San Francisco Bay Trail south of Imola Avenue within the City of Napa.
- The Vine Trail when complete will extend from the City of Calistoga to the Vallejo Ferry Terminal, and share the same alignment as the Bay Trail between Imola Avenue and Soscol Ferry Road.

The subject section of trail will provide legal and safe access to and along the Napa River, as well as visual access to both natural and constructed brackish and freshwater wetlands. Fishermen and people interested in observing nature will therefore initially be major beneficiaries of the project. This section of the Napa

River is already very popular with fishermen, but currently they have to sneak through a hole cut in a chain link fence to access the river. Employees of the Napa Valley Corporate Park and other nearby office buildings, as well as visitors to the nearby hotel complex, are also expected to be initial users of the trail. As soon as the trail to the north through the Napa Pipe property is completed to Kennedy Park, trail use is expected to expand dramatically with more walkers, joggers, baby strollers and dog walkers.

Now that redevelopment of the Napa Pipe property has been agreed to by both the County of Napa and the City of Napa, completion of the trail north from San Anselmo Court in American Canyon through the Napa Pipe project is assured. Construction of the subject section of trail in 2014 will make it more likely that the developer of the Napa Pipe property will be required to construct their connecting section of Class I trail early in the phased development process, rather than later.

Construction of the subject section of trail will also make it possible for the Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District to seek formal approval from the Napa County Sanitation District to extend the Bay Trail to the south. This is an anticipated next big step in the plan to close the remaining gaps in the Bay Trail between American Canyon and the City of Napa.

Environmental review was completed in the spring of 2010, all required discretionary permits were obtained and the project is ready to go out to bid just as soon as funding is obtained. The requested \$120,000 in grant funds, combined with a local Board approved match of \$109,500 provided by the Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District, will enable this section of trail to be completed before the current environmental clearance becomes stale and would need to be redone.

The requested grant funds will ensure that regular progress continues to be made on the San Francisco Bay Trail and associated regional trails within Napa County. Maintaining momentum is critical to closing the last remaining gaps in the Bay Trail within Napa County.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Bernhard Krevet,  
President  
Friends of the Napa River

Cc: John Woodbury, NCRPOSD



November 22, 2013

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Executive Director  
Board President

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**NAPA VALLEY VINE TRAIL  
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**LAND INTEREST GROUPS**

Napa Valley Vintners (co-founder)  
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Winegrowers of Napa County

**PUBLIC AGENCIES**

Napa County Transportation & Planning  
Agency (NCTPA)  
City of Vallejo/Solano County  
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Napa County Sheriff's Department  
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**ECONOMIC  
INTEREST GROUPS**

Visit Napa Valley  
Napa Valley Chambers of Commerce  
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Calistoga Vitality Group  
Cycling Businesses of Napa Valley

**ENVIRONMENTAL  
INTEREST GROUPS**

Sierra Club Napa Group  
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**CULTURAL & COMMUNITY  
INTEREST GROUPS**

Napa County Bicycle Coalition  
Health, Wellness & Medical Coalition  
Youth Development/Safety Education  
Safe Routes to School Napa County  
Runners of Napa Valley  
Rotary Clubs of Napa Valley  
Arts Council Napa Valley

**RE: Support for Grant Request from NCRPOSD and Napa River/Vine/Bay Trail:  
Soscol Ferry Road to San Anselmo Court**

Dear Maureen,

The Napa Valley Vine Trail Coalition, representing a broad spectrum of Napa County public and private organizations, strongly supports the Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District's request for this \$120,000 grant.

This funding is key to helping build the section of the San Francisco Bay Trail under Napa's Butler Bridge, between Soscol Ferry Road and San Anselmo Court. This 0.8 mile section of the Bay Trail is a critical link in two other significant regional trails, serving the route alignments of the Napa River Trail as well as our own project, the Napa Valley Vine Trail. This section of the Vine Trail will connect up with that being developed on the Napa Pipe Property and from there all the way into and through the City of Napa, serving over 60% of the County's population.

The Vine Trail Coalition non-profit, founded in 2008, is a public-private partnership working to build one continuous Class I trail connecting the entire Napa Valley. The Vine Trail's 47-mile route, stretches from its southern entry at Vallejo's Ferry to its northern gateway in Calistoga.

The timing is right for this essential connection, with environmental clearances, discretionary permits, and a local NCRPOSD match of \$109,500 completed. The Vine Trail Coalition is very hopeful you will invest in this great project for Napa County.

Sincerely,

Chuck McMinn  
Executive Director

NAPA VALLEY VINE TRAIL COALITION

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## LETTER OF SUPPORT

November 21, 2013

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RE: Support for Grant Request from the Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District  
Napa River and Bay Trail: Soscol Ferry Road to San Anselmo Court

Dear Ms. Gaffney:

On behalf the Eagle Cycling Club of Napa Valley, I am writing to express support for the requested \$120,000 grant from the Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District to help fund the construction of the section of the San Francisco Bay Trail between Soscol Ferry Road and San Anselmo Court.

The Eagle Cycling Club is a civic and social organization of about 150 members in Napa County, promoting cycling as a fun, simple, healthy and safe transportation and sporting medium for our community. We organize rides, races, civic and philanthropic activities, and partner with the Napa County Bicycle Coalition to promote alternative use for our roads. We are active in Napa City and County planning agencies, and take a proactive stand to develop bicycle-friendly infrastructure for our towns.

We are very much interested in the access that will be afforded by the Bay Trail once complete. This will be a significant development and move forward for the interests of cycling and the citizens of the Bay Area.

This 0.8 mile section of the Bay Trail is a critical link in three significant trails; in addition to completing a portion of the San Francisco Bay Trail, it also serves as a link in the Napa River Trail as well as the Napa Valley Vine Trail. The Napa River Trail when complete will extend from the northern boundary of the City of Napa to the southern boundary of the City of American Canyon, sharing the same alignment as the San Francisco Bay Trail south of Imola Avenue in the City of Napa. The Vine Trail when complete will extend from the City of Calistoga to the Vallejo

Ferry Terminal, and share the same alignment as the Bay Trail between Imola Avenue and Soscol Ferry Road.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Alan Atkinson  
President, Eagle Cycling Club

23 November, 2013

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Dear Ms. Gaffney:

On behalf of Bicycle Works, I am writing to express support for the requested \$120,000 grant from the Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District to help fund the construction of the section of the San Francisco Bay Trail between Soscol Ferry Road and San Anselmo Court.

We are a bicycle store located in north/west Napa along the Vine Trail for the past 34 years. We regularly deal with bicyclists who commute between the Napa area to points south, or recreational riders who would be encouraged to ride along the completed path instead of Hwy 29. We also see many folks riding to the Vallejo ferry on the weekends. This would be a major improvement for those riders and help to encourage more riders.

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### Exhibit 3: Project Letters

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Bob Hillhouse

Bicycle Works

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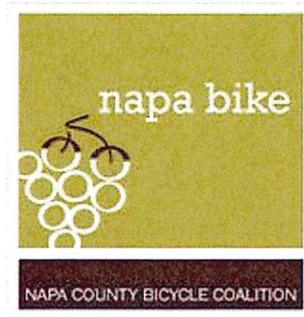
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Re: Support for Grant Request from the Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District  
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Dear Ms Gaffney,

The Napa County Bicycle Coalition represents the tens of thousands of cyclists who ride in Napa County every year. We fully endorse the \$120,000 grant from the Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District to help fund the construction of the section of the San Francisco Bay Trail between Soscol Ferry Road and San Anselmo Court.

Historically, Napa County's transportation infrastructure has been modestly funded based on our relatively small resident population of 138,000, yet our roads strain to serve an additional 4.7 million visitors each year. This 0.8 mile section of the Bay Trail is a critical link in three significant trails; in addition to completing a portion of the San Francisco Bay Trail, it also serves as a link in the Napa River Trail as well as the Napa Valley Vine Trail. The Napa River Trail when complete will extend from the northern boundary of the City of Napa to the southern boundary of the City of American Canyon, sharing the same alignment as the San Francisco Bay Trail south of Imola Avenue in the City of Napa. The Vine Trail when complete will extend from the City of Calistoga to the Vallejo Ferry Terminal, and share the same alignment as the Bay Trail between Imola Avenue and Soscol Ferry Road. These trails will mitigate the effects of this imbalance between infrastructure and usage and will facilitate a greater shift to walking and bicycling in Napa County. The project that is subject of the grant request will contribute to much-needed traffic congestion relief as an alternative commuter route for local residents and tourists, replacing thousands of automobile trips each year.

The requested grant funds will ensure that regular progress continues to be made on the San Francisco Bay Trail within Napa County. Maintaining momentum is critical to closing the last remaining gaps in the Bay Trail within Napa County.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael J. Costanzo", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Michael J. Costanzo  
Executive Director, Napa County Bicycle Coalition