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April 26, 2014

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

Dear Mr. Bosco:

I am writing in support of the Coastal Conservancy Board's Bay Trail block grant. As the State Senator representing the 10th State Senate District, I am proud to support the creation and preservation of parks, open space and recreation areas.

Over the years, your organization has provided funding to construct new trails in areas around Newark, Fremont, Milpitas, San Jose and Santa Clara. These additional trails are a substantial contribution to our community, which benefits greatly from your support. The Bay Trail Conservancy truly is a collaborative partnership among all branches of government, the business community and services organizations.

As you know, the Bay Trail is not yet complete and it is important that we continue to help advance additional projects around the region. Funding will build new Bay Trail segments and close critical gaps, thereby providing longer continuous trail sections to be enjoyed by hikers and bicyclists, for generations to come.

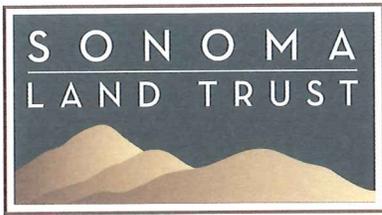
Thank you for your continued stewardship of our environment. I appreciate your careful consideration of this matter and please do not hesitate to contact me if I can ever be of assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ellen M. Corbett".

ELLEN M. CORBETT
Senate Majority Leader

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April 24, 2014

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

RE: Support for Coastal Conservancy Board Authorization of a \$1 Million Bay Trail Block Grant to the Association of Bay Area Governments

Dear Mr. Bosco:

On behalf of the Sonoma Land Trust, I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for Coastal Conservancy Board authorization of a \$1 million Bay Trail block grant to the Association of Bay Area Governments.

Two important projects along the Sonoma County bay shoreline were funded with Coastal Conservancy-Bay Trail grants: construction of the 1.6-mile Sonoma Baylands trail and completion of the public access plan for 2.5 miles of trail in the Sears Point Restoration Area. Once the Sears Point Restoration trail segment is constructed in 2015, the public will be able to enjoy over 4 miles of continuous trail from the Petaluma River mouth to Tolay Creek. As a land trust, we rely on public access funds to complete our projects and ensure that the public can enjoy the lands we work so hard to protect.

The Coastal Conservancy-Bay Trail funding program has been a success since it started in 1999 because it promotes collaborative partnerships among cities, counties, special districts, private businesses and community based organizations; it brings local government to the table and leverages local and private matching funds and in-kind contributions; it helps fulfill part of the mandate of the Bay Area Conservancy program to work in partnership with local agencies and organizations to address park and recreational goals; and has a demonstrated an impressive record of success in four previous Conservancy-Bay Trail funding cycles.

Public access is what connects people to the Bay's wetlands, wildlife, and helps promote an appreciation for San Francisco Bay and an understanding of the real threats posed by sea level rise. As a community we cannot respond to these challenges without broad public support, which arises from personal connections to the land. This is what the Bay

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Trail offers to all Bay Area citizens, regardless of economic status, and this is what a Coastal Conservancy block grant will help achieve.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Wendy Eliot". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping "W" and "E".

Wendy Eliot

cc: Betsy Wilson, Project Manager, Coastal Conservancy SF Bay Area Program
Laura Thompson, Bay Trail Project Manager, ABAG



April 25, 2014

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

RE: Support for Coastal Conservancy Board Authorization of a \$1 Million Bay Trail Block Grant to the Association of Bay Area Governments

Dear Mr. Bosco:

On behalf of the East Bay Regional Park District, I am writing to express my strong support for Coastal Conservancy Board authorization of a \$1 million Bay Trail block grant to the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG).

Since 1999, the Coastal Conservancy's Bay Trail block grants have awarded over \$1.5 million to the East Bay Regional Park District for planning, design and construction of Bay Trail segments in Alameda and Contra Costa counties. These eleven projects in Richmond, Hercules, Pinole, Oakland, and Hayward leveraged an additional \$11 million to build 7.5 new miles of trail and plan for another 2.5 miles. This is a substantial contribution to completing the Bay Trail in the East Bay.

Since it began in 1999, the Coastal Conservancy-Bay Trail funding program has been a regional success in promoting collaborative partnerships among special districts, cities, counties, private businesses and community based organizations. It has helped to bring local governments to the table, and has leveraged local and private matching funds as well as in-kind contributions. It has helped fulfill the Bay Area Conservancy mandate to work in partnership with local agencies and organizations to address park and recreational goals. Perhaps most significantly, it has demonstrated an impressive record of success in four previous Conservancy-Bay Trail funding cycles.

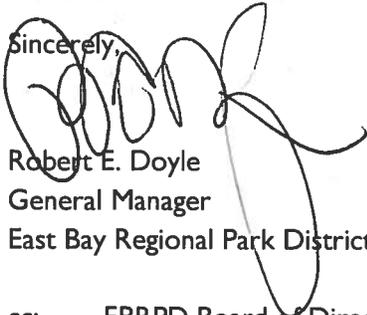
Fortunately, we are now at the point where there fewer and fewer gaps to fill in completing the Bay Trail. The gaps which remain, however, are some of the more difficult ones. This makes the Coastal Conservancy block grant funds even more important in finding creative ways to advance the remaining needed Bay Trail projects in the East Bay and throughout the Bay Area. This important funding will build

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new Bay Trail segments and close critical gaps, thereby providing longer continuous trail sections to be enjoyed. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Doyle', with a large, sweeping flourish extending downwards and to the right.

Robert E. Doyle
General Manager
East Bay Regional Park District

cc: EBRPD Board of Directors
Julie Pierce, President, ABAG
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Laura Thompson, Bay Trail Project Manager, ABAG



April 10, 2014

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

RE: Support for Coastal Conservancy Board Authorization of a \$1 Million Bay Trail Block Grant to the Association of Bay Area Governments

Dear Mr. Bosco:

The Port of San Francisco has benefitted greatly from its partnership with the Association of Bay Area Governments Bay Trail Project and encourages the Coastal Commission to award the \$1,000,000 Bay Trail Block Grant to ABAG.

Since 2000, the Coastal Conservancy's Bay Trail block grants have awarded over \$640,000 to the Port of San Francisco for design and construction of Bay Trail segments. These four key projects along the San Francisco shoreline leveraged an additional \$14 million to build the Illinois Street Bridge, Cargo Way Bikeway, Pier 14 and Pier 43 Promenade. This is a substantial contribution to completing the Bay Trail in San Francisco.

The Coastal Conservancy-Bay Trail funding program has been a success since it started in 1999 because it promotes collaborative partnerships among cities, counties, special districts, private businesses and community based organizations; it brings local government to the table and leverages local and private matching funds and in-kind contributions; it helps fulfill part of the mandate of the Bay Area Conservancy program to work in partnership with local agencies and organizations to address park and recreational goals; and has a demonstrated an impressive record of success in four previous Conservancy-Bay Trail funding cycles.

As we get down to the more difficult Bay Trail gaps, committed funding becomes even more important and a new Coastal Conservancy block grant will help advance additional projects around the region. All around the Bay, this funding will build new Bay Trail segments and close critical gaps, thereby providing longer continuous trail sections to be enjoyed. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Beaupre". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

David Beaupre,
Senior Waterfront Planner
Port of San Francisco

cc: Betsy Wilson, Project Manager, Coastal Conservancy SF Bay Area Program
Laura Thompson, Bay Trail Project Manager, ABAG