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May 2, 2014

Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chairman  
California State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13<sup>th</sup> floor  
Oakland, California 94612

RE: Hatton Acquisition, May 29, 2014 agenda

Dear Mr. Bosco,

I am writing in support of the Ojai Valley Land Conservancy's application for Coastal Conservancy funding for the Hatton acquisition.

This project would expand the Ventura River Parkway and benefit the residents of Ventura County through the provision of open space recreational opportunities. Further, the acquisition would protect important habitat for the southern California steelhead and numerous other rare, threatened and endangered species.

Acquisition and development of a trail system will permit members of the public to enjoy the Ventura River Parkway in an environmentally responsible and sustainable manner. I fully support the goal of the Ventura River Parkway project to permanently protect open space and wildlife habitat in the floodplain of the Ventura River, and connect these open spaces with a trail system. Roughly six miles of the 16 mile long Ventura River are in protected status as part of the parkway, and this acquisition would add to this total. Furthermore, protection of the floodplain of the Ventura River and the elimination of potential threats to this important habitat are some of the most important things we can do to sustain dwindling species.

I am aware that this project is supported by a number of project partners, and that this project builds on a long history of successful conservation work by the Coastal Conservancy and the Ojai Valley Land Conservancy. These parkway lands are visited by tens of thousands of hikers, mountain bikers and equestrians annually with more than 200,000 people annually who view the parkway lands from the adjacent Ojai-Ventura Trail. This is a key opportunity to expand and improve the public's access to a vital natural resource in our region.

I am proud to represent this beautiful area and I treasure it because I've been exploring it since I was old enough to crawl. I hope that you will accept the Ojai Valley Land Conservancy's application, and thank you for considering this input.

Sincerely,

Das Williams  
Assemblymember, District 37

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# California State Senate

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

RE: Hatton Acquisition, May 29, 2014 agenda

Dear Mr. Bosco,

I strongly support the Ojai Valley Land Conservancy's application for Coastal Conservancy funding for the Hatton acquisition. This project would expand the Ventura River Parkway by funding the acquisition of land in the floodplain of the Ventura River to benefit the residents of Ventura County through the provision of open space recreational opportunities. This land is an important piece of the Ventura River Parkway – a series of interconnected public open space preserves that allow the residents of western Ventura County communities to connect with their healthy, functioning river. Further, the acquisition would protect important habitat for the southern California steelhead and numerous other rare, threatened and endangered species.

I am aware that this project is supported by a number of project partners, and that this project builds on a long history of successful conservation work by the Coastal Conservancy and the Ojai Valley Land Conservancy. The Hatton acquisition presents an outstanding opportunity to build on this work of protecting open space, preserving wildlife habitat, and reconnecting the public to the river.

For these reasons, I respectfully request your favorable consideration of this application.

Sincerely,

HANNAH-BETH JACKSON  
State Senator, 19<sup>th</sup> District

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West Coast Region  
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April 30, 2014

Douglas Bosco  
Chairman of the Board  
Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Oakland, California 94612

RE: Hatton Acquisition, May 29, 2014 agenda

Dear Mr. Bosco:

NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) supports Ojai Valley Land Conservancy's application for Coastal Conservancy funding for the Hatton acquisition. This acquisition is expected to ultimately support the conservation of the federally endangered southern California steelhead (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*) and other species through the advancement of direct land protection and implementation of recovery actions for steelhead in the Ventura River watershed.

Your past support for the acquisition of Ventura River habitat, for the advancement of the Ventura River Parkway vision, and for your ongoing support of the removal of Matilija Dam are greatly appreciated. NMFS is hopeful that the Coastal Conservancy would look favorably on the OVLC's grant proposal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Anthony P. Spina".

Anthony P. Spina  
Supervisor, Southern California Branch  
California Coastal Office

cc: Rick Bush, NMFS  
Mark H. Capelli, NMFS





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April 23, 2014

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

RE: Hatton Acquisition, May 29, 2014 agenda

Dear Mr. Bosco,

As the County Supervisor for the Ventura River Watershed, I am writing to express my strong support for the Ojai Valley Land Conservancy's (OVLC) application for Coastal Conservancy funding for the Hatton property acquisition. This project would expand the OVLC's Ventura River Preserve, augment the growing Ventura River Parkway, and support the objectives of the Matilija Dam Ecosystem Restoration Project.

The property is prime riverine habitat along the coastal Ventura River, and offers multi-species ecological benefits, including providing habitat for several rare and endangered species. It is also close to trailheads on the OVLC's Ventura River Preserve, and will complement and expand public access and passive recreation in the area. Conserving this important property will additionally provide water quantity and quality benefits for both the river and local communities.

The Coastal Conservancy's support for the Hatton acquisition will leverage the Commission's investments in the Ventura River, and constitute a logical extension of those many successful efforts, for which I and the people of Ventura County are extremely grateful. The OVLC has done a stellar job of stewarding those acquired resources, and the community in turn has generously supported the work of their local conservancy.

I thank you in advance for your support of the Hatton acquisition, and moreover, thank you for all of the many key and critical investments in conservation that you have made in the Ventura River.

Cordially,

Steve Bennett,  
Supervisor, First District

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OAKLAND, CALIF**



**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR**  
*Carlton Strobel, Mayor*  
P.O. Box 1570, Ojai, CA 93024

May 6, 2014

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

RE: Hatton Acquisition, May 29, 2014 Agenda

Dear Mr. Bosco:

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I am aware that this project is supported by a number of project partners, and that this project builds on a long history of successful conservation work by the Coastal Conservancy and the Ojai Valley Land Conservancy.

The citizens of Ojai have been financial supporters, volunteers and users of the lands owned and managed by the Ojai Valley Land Conservancy. It is a valuable resource for us as a community and for our visitors. We appreciate your longstanding support of their projects, and your consideration of this application.

Sincerely,

  
Carlton Strobel  
Mayor



**PUBLIC WORKS AGENCY**  
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Agency Director

# Ventura County Watershed Protection District

**Tully Clifford, Director**  
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May 1, 2014

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

Subject: Hatton Acquisition, May 29, 2014 Agenda

Dear Mr. Bosco:

I am writing on behalf of the Watershed Protection District (District) to support the Ojai Valley Land Conservancy's application for Coastal Conservancy funding for the Hatton acquisition. This project would expand the Ventura River Parkway and benefit the residents of Ventura County through the provision of open space recreational opportunities. Further, the acquisition would protect important habitat for the southern California steelhead and numerous other rare, threatened, and endangered species. This project would contribute to improving the health of the Ventura River watershed.

I am aware that this project is supported by a number of project partners, and that this project builds on a long history of successful conservation work by the Coastal Conservancy and the Ojai Valley Land Conservancy.

Sincerely,

Tully Clifford  
Director

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April 28, 2014

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

Attn: Sam Jenniches:

**RE: Hatton Acquisition, May 29, 2014 Agenda**

Dear Mr. Bosco,

Ventura Water is supportive of the Ojai Valley Land Conservancy's (OVLC) application for Coastal Conservancy funding for the Hatton acquisition. This project would expand the Ventura River Parkway and benefit the residents of Ventura County through the provision of open space recreational opportunities. Further, the acquisition would protect important habitat for the southern California steelhead and numerous other rare, threatened and endangered species.

Ventura Water is aware that this project is supported by a number of project partners, and that this project builds on a long history of successful conservation work by the Coastal Conservancy and the Ojai Valley Land Conservancy. Therefore, Ventura Water offers its full support to OVLC's efforts to obtain funding for the Hatton acquisition.

Sincerely,

Shana Epstein  
General Manager Ventura Water

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I am aware that this project is supported by a number of project partners, and that this project builds on a long history of successful conservation work by the Coastal Conservancy and the Ojai Valley Land Conservancy.

We appreciate the Coastal Conservancy's past support for the Ventura River Parkway and its leadership role in the Matilija Dam removal project. We encourage the Coastal Conservancy to look favorably on the OVLC's Hatton acquisition proposal, which would help advance both of these efforts.

Sincerely,

A. Paul Jenkin, M.S.

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cc Sam Jenniches, Project Manager