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November 4, 2014

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

Re: Point Arena Cove Acquisition, Coastal Conservancy Project 14-045-01

Dear Mr. Bosco:

I am writing to you in support of the City of Pt. Arena's grant application for funding to purchase a unique coastal property located in the Pt. Arena Cove. This project aims to dedicate this property as public open space, preserve wetland habitat, protect endangered species located on the property, and prohibit commercial development. All California residents and visitors alike will benefit from the addition of this property to the City's open space and park lands.

Located at the end of Port Road within the City of Point Arena Harbor District, this 1.8 acre property includes a section of beach with large cobbles as well as an outlet of Point Arena Creek with a thick stand of willow, alder, and scrub. The endangered Point Arena Mountain Beaver burrows on the western boundary of the property. Acquisition of the property would limit development and help protect the riparian corridor which is well suited to supporting this federally listed species.

Acquisition of the Point Arena Cove property will improve access to the coast by providing a new overlook, expanding a beach access in this popular fishing and surfing destination, as well as providing sufficient space to establish a picnic area. In the future this will likely be the southern terminus for trails heading north across a new section of the California Coastal National Monument to the Point Arena Lighthouse.

Tourism in the City of Pt. Arena has already increased because of the designation of the Stornetta Public Lands as part of the California Coastal National Monument. Future development of public access amenities will be served by this acquisition. This plan will boost revenue from tourism in this isolated small coastal City.

I strongly support this unique opportunity to preserve coastal land for public access and appreciate all of the Conservancy's conservation efforts on the California Coast, particularly in rugged Mendocino County. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

NOREEN EVANS
 State Senator, Second District

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cc: Mayor Doug Burkey, City of Point Arena
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Dear Mr. Bosco:

I am writing to you in support of the City of Pt. Arena's grant application for funding to purchase a unique coastal property located in the Pt. Arena Cove. The goal of this project is to prohibit commercial development, dedicate this property as open space for public use, preserve wetland habitat and protect endangered species located on the property.

This 1.8 acre property is located in the City of Point Arena Harbor District. The property includes a section of beach with large cobbles as well as an outlet of Point Arena Creek with a thick stand of willow, alder, and scrub. The riparian corridor and steep slopes above Point Arena Creek have lush vegetation which supports the federally listed endangered Point Arena Mountain Beaver.

This Point Arena Cove property boasts a sheltered area with a great view of the pier, ocean, and sufficient space to establish a picnic area as well as expanded beach access. In the future this property will likely be the southern terminus for trails heading north across a new section of the California Coastal National Monument to the Point Arena Lighthouse.

Tourism in the City of Point Arena has recently increased because of the designation of the Stornetta Public Lands as part of the California Coastal National Monument. This acquisition is a natural addition which will boost revenue while prohibiting future commercial development in this isolated small coastal City.

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Respectfully,

WESLEY CHESBRO
Assemblyman, 2nd District

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