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November 17th, 2014

Douglas Bosco, Chair
Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, Suite 1300
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Dear Chair Bosco:

This letter is to express my support for the allocation of \$75,000 to the State Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) for trail improvements at Garrapata State Park in northern Big Sur, California.

The trails at Garrapata State Park were constructed more than 30 years ago and are currently in various states of disrepair. Vehicle turnouts for trail access are poorly marked and often overlooked by visitors touring the area. The funds requested would be used to improve two of the park's 21 coastal access points.

Additionally, adjacent informal or "social" trails currently extend into identified archaeological sites and into sensitive habitat for the federally endangered Smith's blue butterfly, and a portion of the requested funds would be used to protect these cultural and natural resources.

The Garrapata State Park project proposal also includes the construction of two new bluff-top viewing platforms, as well as the connection of an adjacent new bridge to a trail completed by DPR last summer, creating a half-mile loop trail north of Soberanes Point.

For a relatively small amount of money, major trail enhancements can be made at Garrapata State Park and I ask the Coastal Conservancy approve the \$75,000 funding request for Garrapata Park trail improvements.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William W. Monning".

WILLIAM W. MONNING
Senator, 17th District

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November 17, 2014

Doug Bosco, Chair
Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, Suite 1300
Oakland, CA 94612

RE: Support for funding the Garrapata State Park Trail Improvements Grant Application

Dear Mr. Bosco:

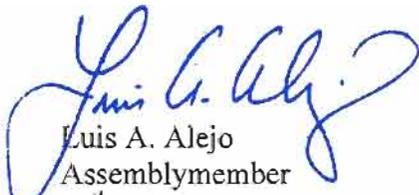
I am writing to express my strong support for the Garrapata State Park Trail Improvement Grant application from the State Department of Parks and Recreation. With the assistance of this grant the State Department of Parks and Recreation would be able to take the next step forward in making the trail improvements at Garrapata State Park in northern Big Sur using the services of the Conservations Corps.

The trails at Garrapata State Park in Big Sur were constructed over 30 years ago and today are in various states of disrepair. These access ways are served by poorly marked vehicle turnouts and are often overlooked by visitors driving through the area. The proposed funding will enable two of the park's 21 coastal access points to be improved and two new bluff top viewing platforms constructed.

Nearby informal or "social" trails that currently extend into identified archaeological sites or sensitive habitat for the federally endangered Smith's blue butterfly will be closed to protect these natural and cultural resources. Once completed, the project will connect to an adjacent new bridge and trail project which was completed by State Parks last summer and create a half-mile loop trail north of Soberanes Point.

For the above reasons, I strongly support the State Department of Parks and Recreation for the Garrapata State Park Trail Improvements Grant. Thank you for your attention and consideration of this request. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact my District Director, Linda Gonzalez at 831-759-8676 or via email at Linda.Gonzalez@asm.ca.gov

Sincerely,


Luis A. Alejo
Assemblymember
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November 12, 2014

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AIDE TO THE SUPERVISOR

Doug Bosco, Chair
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, Suite 1300
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Bosco:

I am writing to urge your board to support a request to disburse up to \$75,000 to the State Department of Parks and Recreation ("State Parks") for trail improvements at Garrapata State Park in northern Big Sur using the services of the Conservation Corps.

The trails at Garrapata State Park in Big Sur were constructed over 30 years ago and are today in various states of disrepair. Because most of these access ways are served by poorly marked vehicle turnouts, they are often overlooked by visitors driving through the area. The proposed funding will enable two of the park's 21 coastal access points to be improved and two new bluff top viewing platforms constructed. Nearby informal or "social" trails that currently extend into identified archaeological sites or sensitive habitat for the federally endangered Smith's blue butterfly will be closed to protect these natural and cultural resources. Once completed the project will connect to an adjacent new bridge and trail project completed by State Parks last summer and create a half-mile loop trail north of Soberanes Point.

I urge the Conservancy board to support this funding request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dave Potter".

Dave Potter
Supervisor, Fifth District
County of Monterey