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December 30, 2014

Mr. Doug Bosco, Chairman  
State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, #1300  
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Bosco,

As Mayor of Riverside, representing 314,000 Riverside residents, and as an avid runner and cyclist, I know full well what a treasure the Santa Ana River Trail and Parkway is for our community and, indeed, for all of Southern California. On behalf of the residents of Riverside and the tens of thousands of people who use and enjoy this vital recreational resource, I am writing to request the Coastal Conservancy's support for funding toward completion of the Santa Ana River Trail and Parkway through Orange, Riverside, and San Bernardino Counties.

As you know, the Santa Ana River Trail and Parkway Partnership has been actively engaged in developing portions of the parkway within each partners' jurisdictional boundaries. Completion of the segment in San Bernardino County will clear a major hurdle in making a "coast-to-crest" trail a reality. This also will greatly increase the usage of the trail in Riverside County because we will be that much closer to our collective goal.

The vision of a 100-mile-long parkway stretching from the San Bernardino Mountains to the Pacific Ocean has long been a dream of past and current stakeholders in the watershed. Completing the parkway has only recently become an attainable goal: the Counties and Cities along the river are working cooperatively as never before, pooling resources, and leveraging individual efforts and investments. The momentum to complete the parkway is building and the time is ripe to infuse the effort with much needed funding and state support.

I urge you to fully fund the proposal at the requested levels. The Partners have a proven track record of success in efficiently administering state bond funds, particularly with the Coastal Conservancy. The Partners have established cooperative working relationships with public and private partners throughout the watershed. This truly is an example of how a great project, under the guiding hand of the right people, can truly make a huge difference in the lives of thousands of people. I urge your complete support.

Sincerely,

Mayor Rusty Bailey  
City of Riverside



PAUL W. FOSTER  
Mayor

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January 6, 2015

Mr. Doug Bosco, Chairman  
State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, #1300  
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Bosco,

I am writing to request the Coastal Conservancy's support for funding toward completion of the Santa Ana River Trail and Parkway located in southern California, passing through Orange, Riverside, and San Bernardino Counties. The Santa Ana River Trail and Parkway Partnership has been actively engaged in developing portions of the parkway within each partners' jurisdictional boundaries. Completion of the segment in San Bernardino County will clear a major hurdle in making a "coast-to-crest" trail a reality.

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Sincerely,

Paul W. Foster, Mayor  
City of Redlands

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