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January 13, 2015

Douglas Bosco, Chair
State Coastal Conservancy Board
1330 Broadway Ave., 13th Floor
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Re: Support - Funding for San Mateo County Shoreline Vulnerability Assessment

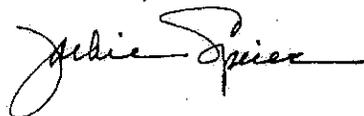
Dear Chairman Bosco:

I write to respectfully indicate my support for the application of the County of San Mateo to the Coastal Conservancy for \$500,000 in funding for a shoreline vulnerability assessment. The assessment will be an early step in San Mateo County's emerging, coordinated effort to identify threats to life and property from sea level rise, and to create a countywide plan to address these threats. Preliminary estimates indicate that San Mateo County is the #1 at-risk county in California, when measured by property near the shoreline that may be impacted by sea level rise. We need to get a thorough evaluation completed in a timely manner.

Two countywide conferences have been held involving hundreds of community and technical leaders. From these conferences, working groups have convened to further organize our efforts. Ultimately, we will probably create a countywide funding mechanism and organization to secure grants and to assist in financing projects. We are trying to operate efficiently by first understanding the scale of our challenge and to create choices that are achievable so that the decades-long process is not overwhelming. The Coastal Conservancy's early funding of these efforts, through the vulnerability analysis, will help to reduce costs and to speed development of protections to abate sea level rise.

Thank you for your consideration of the county's request for grant funding. I respectfully request all appropriate consideration of the proposal that is before you.

All the best,



Jackie Speier

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January 16, 2014

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

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I am writing to convey my support for San Mateo County's pending \$500,000 Coastal Conservancy Climate Ready grant application. These funds will enable San Mateo County to conduct its first sea level rise vulnerability assessment, which will help build a framework for future shoreline adaptation measures. San Mateo County's application is consistent with the goals of SB 1066 which authorizes the Conservancy to issue grants to public agencies to address the impacts of climate change on infrastructure within the Conservancy's jurisdiction.

San Mateo County is a prime location to exemplify the Conservancy's ability to fund and guide effective planning to assess vulnerabilities and identify appropriate next steps toward building a resilient shoreline strategy in the Bay Area. According to a Pacific Institute study, San Mateo County has more property value at risk from sea level rise than any other county in the state.

The proposed San Mateo County Shoreline Vulnerability Assessment project offers a unique opportunity to bring together San Mateo County's leaders, key asset managers, Conservancy staff, and consultants retained by the Conservancy. San Mateo County has already held two well-attended countywide workshops on sea level rise in 2013 and 2014 and has established a Sea Level Rise Vulnerability Assessment Working Group.

As Chair of the Assembly Sea Level Rise and California Economy Committee last session, I actively called for this very type of investment. It is critical our communities begin planning now for sea level rise.

I respectfully request the Conservancy's support of San Mateo County's grant application.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard S. Gordon".

Richard S. Gordon
Assemblyman, Twenty-Fourth District

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January 12, 2015

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

Re: Support - Funding for San Mateo County Shoreline Vulnerability Assessment

Dear Chairman Bosco:

As the State Assemblymember representing a majority of San Mateo County, I am writing to convey my support for San Mateo County's pending \$500,000 Coastal Conservancy Climate Ready grant application. These funds will enable San Mateo County to conduct its first sea level rise vulnerability assessment, which will help build a framework for future shoreline adaptation measures. San Mateo County's application is consistent with the goals of SB 1066 which authorizes the Conservancy to issue grants to public agencies to address the impacts of climate change on infrastructure within the Conservancy's jurisdiction.

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I respectfully request the Conservancy's support of San Mateo County's grant application and I thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


KEVIN MULLIN
Assemblymember, 22nd District



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JERRY HILL

THIRTEENTH SENATE DISTRICT



January 14, 2015

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

Re: Funding for San Mateo County Shoreline Vulnerability Assessment

Dear Chairman Bosco,

I write in support of the County of San Mateo's request to be granted \$500,000 in Climate Ready funds by the Coastal Conservancy in order to conduct its first sea level rise vulnerability assessment, which will help build a framework for future shoreline adaptation measures.

San Mateo County is a prime location to exemplify the Conservancy's ability to fund and guide effective planning to assess vulnerabilities and identify appropriate next steps toward building a resilient shoreline strategy in the Bay Area. According to a Pacific Institute study, San Mateo County has more property value at risk from sea level rise than any other county in the state.

I strongly support funding for this project. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jerry Hill".

Jerry Hill
Senator, District 13

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January 15, 2015

Mr. Douglas Bosco
Chairman
California State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
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RE: Support for the San Mateo County Shoreline Vulnerability Assessment
Application

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I am writing in support of San Mateo County's application for the Coastal Conservancy Climate Ready grant. These funds will enable San Mateo County to conduct its first sea level rise vulnerability assessment, which will help build a framework for future shoreline adaptation measures.

San Mateo County is a prime location to exemplify the Conservancy's goal to work with public agencies to plan, assess vulnerabilities and identify appropriate next steps toward building a resilient shoreline strategy in the Bay Area.

The proposed San Mateo County Shoreline Vulnerability Assessment project offers a unique opportunity to bring together San Mateo County's leaders, key stakeholders, Conservancy staff, and consultants retained by the Conservancy. San Mateo County has already held two well-attended countywide workshops on sea level rise in 2013 and 2014 and has established a Sea Level Rise Vulnerability Assessment Working Group.

The San Mateo County Shoreline Vulnerability Assessment project would give San Mateo County the tools to address the impacts of climate change on infrastructure within the Conservancy's jurisdiction. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Mark Leno
Senator, 11th District

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Douglas Bosco, Chair
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Re: Support - Funding for San Mateo County Shoreline Vulnerability Assessment

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I am pleased to express the California Coastal Commission staff's support for San Mateo County's grant application for the Coastal Conservancy's Climate Ready funding for a San Mateo County Shoreline Vulnerability Assessment. This grant funding is an important step in helping San Mateo County prepare for and adapt to sea-level rise along its shoreline.

The Shoreline Vulnerability Assessment is designed to provide short and long term adaptation strategies for use by San Mateo County communities. These strategies should also prove to be applicable to other coastal jurisdictions throughout the State of California. We support the collaborative planning approach outlined in the proposal, and appreciate the County's plans to coordinate with existing efforts in the region, including the City of Half Moon Bay's sea-level rise planning efforts. These City efforts include completing a more detailed sea-level rise vulnerability assessment and an LCP update using grant funds from the Ocean Protection Council and the Coastal Commission. Given the overlap in goals of the County and City vulnerability assessments, there is also the opportunity to share information and to leverage the results of the two projects. We support the County's Shoreline Vulnerability Assessment project, and we look forward to working with the County, and the City, moving forward.

I appreciate this opportunity to express our support for the Climate Ready Program grant application. We look forward to joining this critical county-wide effort to proactively plan for sea-level rise to preserve San Mateo County's shoreline and to protect valuable public facilities and assets, and we urge the Coastal Conservancy to support the joint Climate Ready grant application.

Sincerely,

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Dan Carl
District Director
North Central Coast District Office
California Coastal Commission

cc: Steve Monowitz, San Mateo County Planning Director
Bruce Ambo, Half Moon Bay Planning Director

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January 16, 2015

The Honorable Douglas Bosco, Chair
California State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
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SUBJECT: San Mateo County Vulnerability Assessment Grant

Dear Mr. Bosco:

On behalf of the staff of the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC), I want you to know that we enthusiastically support the recommendation by the staff of the California State Coastal Conservancy (Conservancy) that the Conservancy approve and fund the San Mateo County Vulnerability Assessment grant proposal. The proposed vulnerability assessment will build capacity in San Mateo County and its cities to address flooding risk from sea level rise and storms. The work envisioned in this proposal will enable San Mateo County officials to exercise even more leadership on an emerging issue within their local communities by better preparing them for coastal hazards. This work will also create opportunities to develop climate change adaptation strategies to protect vulnerable communities and take advantage of the ecosystem services provided by near shore environments. Just as important, this project will contribute to collaborative efforts to improve regional resiliency to climate change.

As a partner with the Conservancy and others on the Regional Shorelines Partnership, we are exploring ways to advance adaptation planning in the Bay Area to ensure that both our natural and built environments continue to thrive in the face of rising sea level. Should funding be awarded for San Mateo County's proposal, we shall support its efforts by sharing our expertise in coastal hazard mitigation to ensure that the outcomes of this proposal are tangible and relevant to the needs of San Mateo County and all of our shoreline communities.

With these considerations, I strongly encourage the Conservancy to consider funding this proposal. If you have any questions regarding this letter, or any other matter, please do not hesitate to phone me at 415/352-3653, or you may contact me at larry.goldzband@bcdc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



LAWRENCE J. GOLDZBAND
Executive Director

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Exhibit 4: Project Letters

The Honorable Douglas Bosco, Chair
California State Coastal Conservancy
January 16, 2015
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cc: Kelly Malinowski, SCC
Supervisor Dave Pine, San Mateo County
Michael Barber, San Mateo County

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DAVE PINE

SUPERVISOR, FIRST DISTRICT
SAN MATEO COUNTY

January 12, 2015

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

Dear Chair Bosco:

Re: Funding for San Mateo County Shoreline Vulnerability Assessment

I write to request your support for the authorization of \$500,000 in Coastal Conservancy Climate Ready funds to enable San Mateo County to work closely with the Conservancy in conducting a sea level rise vulnerability assessment as we build toward a vision for resilient shorelines in our county.

Over the past year, senior managers and staff at the Conservancy have met with me and my staff, as well as leaders from cities and special districts throughout San Mateo County, to deepen our understanding of how others are preparing for sea level rise. Building off of these discussions as well as existing planning methods, including other projects successfully conducted with Climate Ready grant funds, San Mateo County would like to conduct a coordinated vulnerability assessment on the San Francisco Bayside and the Coastside of San Mateo County north of Half Moon Bay.

San Mateo County is a prime location to exemplify the Conservancy's ability to fund and guide effective planning to assess vulnerabilities and lay the groundwork for building a resilient shoreline strategy in the Bay Area. According to a Pacific Institute study, San Mateo County has more property value at risk from sea level rise than any other county in the state. This study also notes that approximately 40% of the Bay Areas' population, and 8% of the state's remaining wetland resources are at risk from sea level rise are in San Mateo County.

The proposed San Mateo County Shoreline Vulnerability Assessment project offers a unique opportunity to bring together San Mateo County's leaders, key asset managers, Conservancy staff, and consultants retained by the Conservancy. Our goal is to refine and review *Our Coast Our Future* coastal flooding map data and other available data sources to help establish our collective understanding of assets and resources at risk. Based on this assessment, we can then establish next steps for a sea level rise adaptation strategy.

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San Mateo County is committed to investing leadership and staff time for this effort including the participation of the Office of Sustainability, and the Departments of Public Works, Planning, Public Health, and Parks, as well as engaging city and special district partners, who have participated with the Conservancy in the San Mateo County Vulnerability Assessment Working Group. The project also has the support of our federal and state elected representatives, including Congresswoman Jackie Speier and Assemblyman Richard Gordon, with whom I held two well-attended countywide workshops on sea level rise in 2013 and 2014.

On behalf of San Mateo County, I would like to express my appreciation for the considerable investment the Conservancy has made in natural resource protection projects, public access trails such as the San Francisco Bay Trail and San Francisco Bay Area Water Trail, and regionally significant land acquisitions in San Mateo County. We are committed to working with the Conservancy to continue crucial efforts to build resilience through improving our natural resources and promoting coordinated planning for the shoreline in our highly urban areas.

Thank you for your consideration of Conservancy support for the San Mateo County Vulnerability Assessment project. San Mateo County would not be prepared to move forward as rapidly or effectively on the issue of sea level rise preparation without the funds and leadership of the Conservancy.

Sincerely,



Dave Pine
Supervisor, District 1
San Mateo County Board of Supervisors

cc: Congresswoman Jackie Speier
Assemblyman Rich Gordon



City of Foster City

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January 13, 2015

Douglas Bosco, Chair
State Coastal Conservancy Board
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Re: Support - Funding for San Mateo County Shoreline Vulnerability Assessment

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I am pleased to express the City of Foster City's support for the San Mateo County grant application for the Coastal Conservancy's Climate Ready funding for a San Mateo County wide Shoreline Vulnerability Assessment. This grant funding will be instrumental in our ability to prepare for and adapt to sea-level rise along our shoreline.

The Shoreline Vulnerability Assessment will help our city understand and plan for climate change-related flooding in current and future vulnerable areas. The City of Foster City hopes to use the Shoreline Vulnerability Assessment to develop short and long term adaptation strategies for assets identified in our jurisdiction. Although the Shoreline Vulnerability Assessment will not solve the problems identified, or necessarily provide specific actions, our communities can individually and collectively use the data to achieve long-term resiliency to sea-level rise and other climate change impacts.

I appreciate this opportunity to express the City of Foster City's support for the Climate Ready Program grant application. The City of Foster City looks forward to joining this critical county-wide effort to proactively plan for sea-level rise to preserve our shoreline and protect valuable public facilities and assets.

The City of Foster City urges the Coastal Conservancy to support the joint Climate Ready grant application.

Sincerely,

Art Kiesel
Mayor, Foster City

Office of the City Manager
Robert B. Bell



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January 13, 2015

Douglas Bosco, Chair
State Coastal Conservancy Board
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Oakland, CA 94612

Re: Support - Funding for San Mateo County Shoreline Vulnerability Assessment

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I am pleased to express the City of Redwood City support for the San Mateo County grant application for the Coastal Conservancy's Climate Ready funding for a San Mateo County wide Shoreline Vulnerability Assessment. This grant funding will be instrumental in our ability to prepare for and adapt to sea-level rise along our shoreline.

The Shoreline Vulnerability Assessment will help our city understand and plan for climate change-related flooding in current and future vulnerable areas. The City of Redwood City hopes to use the Shoreline Vulnerability Assessment to develop short and long term adaptation strategies for assets identified in our jurisdiction. Although the Shoreline Vulnerability Assessment will not solve the problems identified, or necessarily provide specific actions, our communities can individually and collectively use the data to achieve long-term resiliency to sea-level rise and other climate change impacts.

I appreciate this opportunity to express the City of Redwood City support for the Climate Ready Program grant application. The City of Redwood City looks forward to joining this critical county-wide effort to proactively plan for sea-level rise to preserve our shoreline and protect valuable public facilities and assets.

The City of Redwood City urges the Coastal Conservancy to support the joint Climate Ready grant application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert B. Bell".

Robert B. Bell
City Manager



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January 9, 2015

Douglas Bosco, Chair
State Coastal Conservancy Board
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Re: Support - Funding for San Mateo County Shoreline Vulnerability Assessment

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I am pleased to express the City of San Mateo's support for the San Mateo County grant application for the Coastal Conservancy's Climate Ready funding for a San Mateo County wide Shoreline Vulnerability Assessment. This grant funding will be instrumental in our ability to prepare for and adapt to sea-level rise along our shoreline.

The Shoreline Vulnerability Assessment will help our city understand and plan for climate change-related flooding in current and future vulnerable areas. The City of San Mateo hopes to use the Shoreline Vulnerability Assessment to develop short and long term adaptation strategies for assets identified in our jurisdiction. Although the Shoreline Vulnerability Assessment will not solve the problems identified, or necessarily provide specific actions, our communities can individually and collectively use the data to achieve long-term resiliency to sea-level rise and other climate change impacts.

I appreciate this opportunity to express the City of San Mateo support for the Climate Ready Program grant application. The City of San Mateo looks forward to joining this critical county-wide effort to proactively plan for sea-level rise to preserve our shoreline and protect valuable public facilities and assets.

The City of San Mateo urges the Coastal Conservancy to support the joint Climate Ready grant application.

Sincerely,



Larry Patterson
City Manager



Exhibit 4: Project Letters

CITY OF HALF MOON BAY

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January 15, 2015

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

Re: Support - Funding for San Mateo County Shoreline Vulnerability Assessment

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I am pleased to express the City of Half Moon Bay's support for the San Mateo County grant application for the Coastal Conservancy's Climate Ready funding for a San Mateo County wide Shoreline Vulnerability Assessment. This grant funding will be instrumental in our ability to prepare for and adapt to sea-level rise along our shoreline.

The Shoreline Vulnerability Assessment will help our city understand and plan for climate change-related flooding in current and future vulnerable areas. The City of Half Moon Bay hopes to use the Shoreline Vulnerability Assessment to develop short and long term adaptation strategies for assets identified in our jurisdiction. Although the Shoreline Vulnerability Assessment will not solve the problems identified, or necessarily provide specific actions, our communities can individually and collectively use the data to achieve long-term resiliency to sea-level rise and other climate change impacts.

Half Moon Bay is a coastal community and we are experiencing the results of accelerated beach erosion. We rely heavily on tourism and we know that erosion will significantly impact private property including homes, businesses, and recreational areas.

I appreciate this opportunity to express the City of Half Moon Bay's support for the Climate Ready Program grant application. The City of Half Moon Bay looks forward to joining this critical county-wide effort to proactively plan for sea-level rise to preserve our shoreline and protect valuable public facilities and assets.

The City of Half Moon Bay urges the Coastal Conservancy to support the joint Climate Ready grant application.

Sincerely,

Magda González
City Manager

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January 21, 2015

Douglas Bosco, Chair
State Coastal Conservancy Board
1330 Broadway Ave., 13th Floor
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Re: Support - Funding for San Mateo County Shoreline Vulnerability Assessment

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I am pleased to express the City of Pacifica's support for the San Mateo County grant application for the Coastal Conservancy's Climate Ready funding for a San Mateo County Shoreline Vulnerability Assessment. This grant funding will be instrumental in our ability to prepare for and adapt to sea level rise along our shoreline.

The Shoreline Vulnerability Assessment will help our City work with other agencies in the County to understand and plan for climate change-related flooding and to develop short and long term adaptation strategies for assets identified in our jurisdiction. Although the Shoreline Vulnerability Assessment itself will not solve the problems identified, the data it will generate is a crucial first step to achieve long-term resiliency to sea level rise and other climate change impacts.

I appreciate this opportunity to express the City of Pacifica's support for the Climate Ready Program grant application and urge the Coastal Conservancy's approval. I look forward to joining this critical County-wide effort to proactively plan for the impacts of sea level rise.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

LORIE TINFOW
City Manager

Cc: City Council
The Office of San Mateo County Supervisor Dave Pine



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January 15, 2015

Douglas Bosco, Chair
California Coastal Conservancy
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Dear Chair Bosco,

Point Blue Conservation Science strongly urges the Coastal Conservancy Board to support San Mateo County's proposal titled, "San Mateo County Shoreline Vulnerability Assessment." This grant funding will be instrumental in the efforts to help San Mateo County prepare for and adapt to sea-level rise along its shoreline.

Point Blue's mission is to advance the conservation of birds, other wildlife, and ecosystems through science, partnerships, and outreach. Our 140 scientists work to reduce the impacts of habitat loss, climate change, and other environmental threats while promoting nature-based solutions for wildlife and people, on land and at sea.

The proposed project will use Our Coast Our Future (OCOF; www.pointblue.org/ocof) to describe vulnerabilities to the built and natural environment from sea-level rise and storms. OCOF uses a collaborative, user-driven approach to provide San Francisco Bay Area coastal resource and land use managers and planners with locally relevant, online maps and tools to help understand, visualize, and anticipate vulnerabilities to sea-level rise and storms within San Francisco Bay and along the central outer coast. OCOF's Interactive flood map includes flood extent, depth, duration, and minimum and maximum flood potential, wave heights, and current velocity, as well as the option to compare scenarios and view georeferenced King Tide photos.

Over the past year, Point Blue has worked closely with natural resource managers, local and regional government planners and other decision-makers in using OCOF products to better understand their vulnerabilities and to improve overall community health and resilience through ecosystem restoration, adaptation, and response planning.

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Point Blue strongly encourages the Coastal Conservancy Board to approve the "San Mateo County Shoreline Vulnerability Assessment" proposal.

Sincerely,

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Ellie Cohen
President & CEO

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