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January 8, 2015

Doug Bosco, Chair  
California State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612

## **Re: Thompson Property, San Mateo County**

Dear Mr. Bosco,

I am writing to express my strong support for the application by the Peninsula Open Space Trust (POST) for a grant of \$450,000 from the California State Coastal Conservancy to acquire and protect the Thompson property, a crucial coastal project in the Pillar Point Bluff complex in San Mateo County.

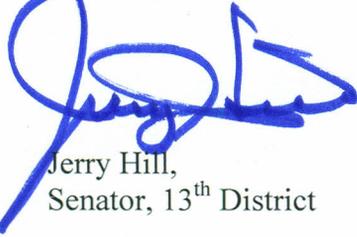
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The blufftops of the Thompson property provide excellent views of the intertidal zone below and contain coastal shrub and coastal terrace prairie habitats suitable for many wildlife species, including the endangered California red-legged frog and San Francisco garter snake. Because the Thompson property is surrounded by San Mateo County parkland, many areas of its coastal shrub habitat have been eroded due to informal, unauthorized access by visitors traversing the blufftops. The protection of this property will allow POST and partner agencies to properly construct and manage safe trails for public access and recreation, while conserving natural resources along the coast.

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In order to preserve these recreational opportunities, protect the property's rich habitat and improve the overall health of the land, I urge the Board of Directors of the Coastal Conservancy to support POST in their effort to protect this land through timely approval of grant funds.

Sincerely,



Jerry Hill,  
Senator, 13<sup>th</sup> District

cc: Janet Diehl, Project Manager, California State Coastal Conservancy

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January 12, 2015

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

Re: Thompson Property, San Mateo County

Dear Mr. Bosco,

I write in strong support for the application by the Peninsula Open Space Trust (POST) for a grant of \$450,000 from the California State Coastal Conservancy to acquire and protect the Thompson property, a crucial coastal project in the Pillar Point Bluff complex in San Mateo County and in my Assembly District.

The Thompson property, a spectacular 21-acre blufftop property, is set between two segments of San Mateo County parkland on the coast just north of Half Moon Bay. The protection of this property is the final step to complete the long-term objective of the Conservancy and POST to preserve the Pillar Point Bluff complex for public access. In 2004 and 2007 POST acquired properties adjoining the Thompson property that are now County parkland, in each case with support from the Conservancy. With continued Conservancy support, acquisition and protection of the Thompson property will allow for completion of the California Coastal Trail along the Pillar Point bluff, and fill a gap of over a mile in protected land overlooking the Fitzgerald Marine Reserve.

The blufftops of the Thompson property provide excellent views of the intertidal zone below and contain coastal shrub and coastal terrace prairie habitats suitable for many wildlife species, including the endangered California red-legged frog and San Francisco Garter snake. Because the Thompson property is surrounded by San Mateo County parkland, many areas of its coastal shrub habitat have been eroded due to informal, unauthorized access by visitors traversing the blufftops.

Exhibit 3: Project Letters

The protection of this property will allow POST and partner agencies to properly construct and manage safe trails for public access and recreation, while conserving natural resources along the coast.

In order to preserve these recreational opportunities, protect the property's rich habitat and improve the overall health of the land, I urge the Board of Directors of the Coastal Conservancy to support POST in their effort to protect this land through timely approval of grant funds. I look forward to a favorable outcome. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



KEVIN MULLIN  
Speaker pro Tempore

KM: mr

cc: Janet Diehl, Project Manager, California State Coastal Conservancy

***DON HORSLEY***

Board of Supervisors, Third District  
County of San Mateo

January 7, 2015

Doug Bosco, Chair  
California State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612

Re: Thompson Property, San Mateo County

Dear Mr. Bosco,

I am pleased to submit this letter to express my strong support for the Peninsula Open Space Trust's (POST) grant proposal for \$450,000 to acquire and protect the Thompson property, a crucial coastal project in the Pillar Point Bluff complex in San Mateo County.

POST and the Conservancy share the long-term goal of preserving the Pillar Point Bluff complex for public access. As the Supervisor representing this area of San Mateo County on the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors, I fully support this goal. The Thompson Property, a private 21 acre parcel, is the final step in ensuring permanent public access to the bluff.

The bluffs of the Thompson property provide excellent views and contain habitats suitable for many wildlife species, including the endangered California red-legged frog and San Francisco Garter snake. Further, the protection of this property will allow POST and partner agencies to properly construct and manage safe trails for public access and recreation, while conserving natural resources along the coast.

The Conservancy supported permanent protection of the Pillar Point Bluff complex in both 2004 and 2007 when POST acquired the adjoining properties. With continued Conservancy support, acquisition and protection of the Thompson property will allow for completion of the California Coastal Trail along the Pillar Point bluff, and fill a gap of over a mile in protected land overlooking the Fitzgerald Marine Reserve.

Thank you for your consideration of support for POST's acquisition of this key property. I urge you to approve their application for funding for this key San Mateo County project.

Sincerely,



Supervisor Don Horsley  
Third District

cc: Janet Diehl, Project Manager, California State Coastal Conservancy



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JAN 12 2015

Doug Bosco, Chairman  
Attn: Janet Diehl  
California State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13th floor  
Oakland, CA 94612

Re: Thompson Property, San Mateo County

Dear Mr. Bosco:

We are writing to express our support for the application by the Peninsula Open Space Trust (POST) for a grant of \$450,000 from the California State Coastal Conservancy to acquire and protect the Thompson property within the Pillar Point Bluff complex on the San Mateo County coast.

As you may know, Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA) manages nearly 7,000 acres of land in the county. The most recent addition, Rancho Corral de Tierra, was transferred to the National Park Service in 2011 with substantial support from the Coastal Conservancy and POST. The Rancho property is located on the east side of Highway 1 across from the Pillar Point Bluffs. This acquisition was a significant contribution to the larger network of protected lands on the coastside and could not have been accomplished without these key partnerships. GGNRA and POST continue to partner together on projects throughout the region along with other open space land managers to protect and preserve open space resources and recreation.

POST has successfully protected numerous parklands throughout San Mateo County, including portions of Pillar Point Bluff that are adjacent to the Thompson property. The acquisition of this property would allow for the completion of the California Coastal Trail along the Pillar Point Bluffs and allow for proper management of open space for public access and recreation. In addition, it would allow for protection of natural resources and many wildlife species including the federally threatened California red-legged frog and endangered San Francisco garter snake.

This funding will not only fill a gap within the open space managed by San Mateo County Parks, but provides the opportunity to sustain and build community involvement in the stewardship of the site.

On behalf of Golden Gate National Recreation Area, we would like to express our appreciation for the work of the State Coastal Conservancy and POST and fully support the proposal to fund the acquisition of the Thompson property at Pillar Point Bluffs.

Sincerely,

Frank Dean  
General Superintendent

**COUNTY OF SAN MATEO**  
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December 30, 2014

Doug Bosco, Chair  
California State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612

Re: Thompson Property, San Mateo County

Dear Mr. Bosco,

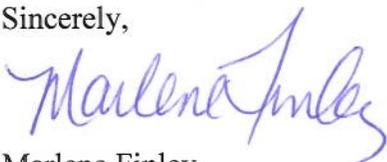
On behalf of San Mateo County Parks Department, I am writing to express my strong support for the application by the Peninsula Open Space Trust (POST) for a grant of \$450,000 from the California State Coastal Conservancy to acquire and protect the Thompson property, a crucial coastal project in the Pillar Point Bluff complex in San Mateo County.

The Thompson property, a spectacular 21-acre blufftop property, is set between two segments of San Mateo County parkland on the coast just north of Half Moon Bay. The protection of this property is the final step to complete the long-term objective of the Conservancy and POST to preserve the Pillar Point Bluff complex for public access. In 2004 and 2007 POST acquired properties adjoining the Thompson property that are now County parkland, in each case with support from the Conservancy. With continued Conservancy support, acquisition and protection of the Thompson property will allow for completion of the trail along the Pillar Point bluff, and fill a gap of over a mile in protected land overlooking the Fitzgerald Marine Reserve.

The blufftops of the Thompson property provide excellent views of the intertidal zone below and contain coastal shrub and coastal terrace prairie habitats suitable for many wildlife species, including the endangered California red-legged frog and San Francisco Garter snake. Because the Thompson property is surrounded by San Mateo County parkland, many areas of its coastal shrub habitat have been eroded due to informal, unauthorized access by visitors traversing the blufftops. The protection of this property will allow POST and partner agencies to properly construct and manage safe trails for public access and recreation, while conserving natural resources along the coast.

In order to preserve these recreational opportunities, protect the property's rich habitat and improve the overall health of the land, I urge the Board of Directors of the Coastal Conservancy to support POST in their effort to protect this land through timely approval of grant funds.

Sincerely,



Marlene Finley  
Parks Director

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OAKLAND, CALIF.**

cc: Janet Diehl, Project Manager, California State Coastal Conservancy



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January 6, 2015

Doug Bosco, Chair  
California State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612

Re: Thompson Property, San Mateo County

Dear Mr. Bosco,

On behalf of Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District, I am writing to express my strong support for the application by the Peninsula Open Space Trust (POST) for a grant of \$450,000 from the California State Coastal Conservancy to acquire and protect the Thompson property, a crucial coastal project in the Pillar Point Bluff complex in San Mateo County.

The Thompson property, a spectacular 21-acre blufftop property, is set between two segments of San Mateo County parkland on the coast just north of Half Moon Bay. The protection of this property is the final step to complete the long-term objective of the Conservancy and POST to preserve the Pillar Point Bluff complex for public access. In 2004 and 2007, POST acquired properties adjoining the Thompson property that are now County parkland, in each case with support from the Conservancy. With continued Conservancy support, acquisition and protection of the Thompson property will allow for completion of the California Coastal Trail along the Pillar Point bluff, and fill a gap of over a mile in protected land overlooking the Fitzgerald Marine Reserve.

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In order to preserve these recreational opportunities, protect the San Mateo Coast's rich habitat, and improve the overall health of the land, I urge the Board of Directors of the Coastal Conservancy to support POST in their effort to protect this land through timely approval of grant funds.

Mr. Doug Bosco  
Re: Thompson Property, San Mateo County

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephen E. Abbors". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

Stephen E. Abbors  
General Manager

cc: Janet Diehl, Project Manager, California State Coastal Conservancy  
MROSD Board of Directors  
Walter Moore, POST President



COMMITTEE FOR  
GREEN FOOTHILLS

January 5, 2015

Doug Bosco, Chair  
California State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612

**Re: Thompson Property, San Mateo County**

Dear Mr. Bosco,

On behalf of Committee for Green Foothills, a regional conservation organization working for over 50 years to protect the rural lands in San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties, I write in enthusiastic support for the application by the Peninsula Open Space Trust (POST) for a grant of \$450,000 from the California State Coastal Conservancy to acquire and protect the Thompson property, a crucial coastal project in the Pillar Point Bluff complex in San Mateo County.

The Thompson property, a spectacular 21-acre blufftop property, is set between two segments of San Mateo County parkland just north of the Pillar Point Harbor. The acquisition of this property is the final step to complete the long-term objective of the Conservancy and POST to preserve the Pillar Point Bluff complex for public access. In 2004 and 2007, with support from the Conservancy, POST acquired properties adjoining the Thompson property, that are now County parkland. With continued Conservancy support, acquisition and protection of the Thompson property will allow for completion of the California Coastal Trail and fill a gap of over a mile in protected land overlooking the Fitzgerald Marine Reserve and Pacific Ocean.

The blufftops of the Thompson property provide excellent views of the intertidal zone below and contain coastal shrub and coastal terrace prairie habitats suitable for many wildlife species, including the California red-legged frog and San Francisco garter snake. Several areas of coastal shrub habitat have become eroded, due to informal, unauthorized access by visitors traversing the blufftops. The acquisition of this property will allow POST and partner agencies to properly design, construct and manage safe trails for public access and recreation, while restoring and conserving natural resources and sensitive habitats on this spectacular coastal area.

I strongly urge the Coastal Conservancy Board to support POST in their effort to protect this land through timely approval of grant funds.

Sincerely,

Lennie Roberts, San Mateo County Legislative Advocate



December 30, 2014

Doug Bosco, Chair  
California State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612

Re: Thompson Property, San Mateo County

Dear Mr. Bosco,

On behalf of Coastside Land Trust, I am writing to express my strong support for the application by the Peninsula Open Space Trust (POST) for a grant of \$450,000 from the California State Coastal Conservancy to acquire and protect the Thompson property, a crucial coastal project in the Pillar Point Bluff complex in San Mateo County.

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Sincerely,



Jo Chamberlain  
Executive Director

cc: Janet Diehl, Project Manager, California State Coastal Conservancy

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