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December 16, 2014

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

Re: Support for Application by Coal Oil Point Reserve for Education and Conservation Center Funding

Dear Chairperson Bosco:

As the State Senator elected to represent the 19th Senate District, it is my pleasure to write this letter to express my support of the Coal Oil Point Reserve's (COPR or Reserve) application for funding from the California Coastal Conservancy. The funding will enable the renovation of a 5,390 sq. ft. building owned by the University of California, Santa Barbara (UCSB) and assigned to COPR for a new Education and Conservation Center (Center). The building is located adjacent to the UCSB campus and Devereaux Slough.

Education centers are key structures to enhance significant natural areas and are often the center of local public and educational outreach that further enhances the value of such areas. The proposed Center will support conservation, restoration, environmental education, and research programs for all ages by providing a venue for classes, tours, volunteerism and science.

Coal Oil Point Reserve protects and conserves sensitive natural resources that have been greatly diminished in California as a result of coastal development. The key to protecting these coastal resources lies in education, with an aim to enhancing conservation, restoration, and research. The Reserve uses research and stewardship together to develop a science-based restoration and conservation program. As a result, the Reserve has successfully recovered species, such as the Western Snowy Plovers, and restored habitats that have been lost because of development.

The Reserve currently engages more than 6,000 people annually. These visitors will use the Center's large meeting room for a variety of reasons, including lectures and events, a classroom, wet lab, library, conference room, kitchen, public restrooms, and offices.



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RE: Coal Oil Point Reserve Application

The broad community that surrounds the Reserve will benefit directly from a more diverse and natural environment and the ability to participate in environmental education and conservation activities.

I strongly support Coal Oil Point Reserve's efforts to accomplish these goals with financial support from the California Coastal Conservancy. Should you have any question regarding my support of COPR's application, please feel free to contact Fran Farina of my staff at 805-965-0862.

Sincerely,

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HANNAH-BETH JACKSON
Senator, 19th District

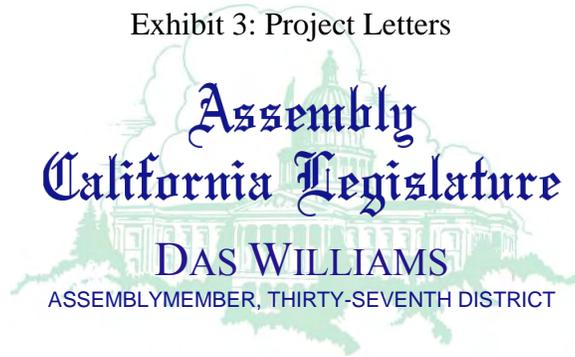
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December 19th, 2014

Douglas Bosco, Chair
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
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Re: Education and Conservation Center at Coal Oil Point Reserve

Dear Chairperson Bosco,

I am writing to support the Coal Oil Point Reserve's application for funding from the California Coastal Conservancy to renovate a building for a new Education and Conservation Center. Education centers are key structures to enhance significant natural areas. They become a hub for education, research, an outreach that further enhances the value of the natural environment. The Education and Conservation Center will support conservation, restoration, environmental education, and research programs for all ages by providing a venue for classes, tours, volunteerism and science. The project will renovate an existing 5,390 sq. ft. building adjacent to the Reserve that is owned by UCSB and has been assigned to COPR.

Coal Oil Point Reserve protects and conserves sensitive natural resources that have been greatly diminished in California as a result of coastal development. The key to protecting these coastal resources lies in conservation, restoration, education and research. The Reserve uses research and stewardship together to develop a science based restoration and conservation program. As a result, the reserve successfully recovered species, such as the Western Snowy Plovers, and restored habitats that have been lost from development.

The Reserve engages over 6,000 people annually. These visitors will use the Center's large meeting room for lectures and events, a classroom, wet lab, library, conference room and kitchen, and public restrooms, and offices.

The broad community that surrounds the reserve will benefit directly from a more diverse and natural environment and the ability to participate in environmental education and conservation activities.

Sincerely,

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DAS WILLIAMS
Assemblymember, 37th District



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December 9, 2014

Douglas Bosco, Chair
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
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Re: Support for Education and Conservation Center at Coal Oil Point Reserve

Dear Mr. Bosco:

The Santa Barbara Audubon Society (SBAS) is a chapter of the National Audubon Society. SBAS has about 1100 members in the Santa Barbara area. The mission of SBAS is to help conserve and restore the earth's natural ecosystems and improve its biological diversity, principally in the Santa Barbara area, and to connect people with birds and nature through education, science-based projects and advocacy.

SBAS has worked with Coal Oil Point Reserve (COPR) for many years on a variety of projects. In particular, SBAS has obtained and managed many grants for restoration of native habitats at COPR and recruited hundreds of volunteers to implement those restoration projects. SBAS was also instrumental in helping COPR establish its Western Snowy Plover docent program over ten years ago. SBAS members continue as docents to this day.

SBAS supports COPR's application for funding from the California Coastal Conservancy to renovate a building for its new Education and Conservation Center. Education centers are key to promoting the public's knowledge and appreciation of significant natural areas like COPR. Such centers become a hub for education, research, and outreach that further enhances the value of the natural environment. The Education and Conservation Center at COPR will support conservation, restoration, environmental education, and research programs for all ages by providing a venue for classes, tours, volunteerism and science. The project will renovate an existing 5,390 square foot building adjacent to the Reserve that is owned by UCSB and has been assigned to COPR.

Coal Oil Point Reserve protects and conserves sensitive natural resources that have been greatly diminished in California as a result of coastal development. The key to protecting these coastal resources lies in conservation, restoration, education and research. COPR management has used research and stewardship together to develop a science-based restoration and conservation program. As a result, the COPR has contributed to the recovery of threatened and endangered species, such as the Western Snowy Plover, and restored habitats that could have been lost to development.

COPR engages over 6,000 people annually. These visitors will benefit from using the new Center's large meeting room for lectures and events, a classroom, a wet lab, a library, a conference room, a kitchen, public restrooms, and offices.

With the addition of the Education and Conservation Center, the broad community that surrounds COPR will benefit directly from the diverse and natural environment at the Reserve and will have the ability to participate in environmental education and conservation activities.

The Santa Barbara Audubon Society strongly supports COPR's application for funding from the California Coastal Conservancy for its new Education and Conservation Center.

Yours truly,

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Stephen J. Ferry
Co-President
Santa Barbara Audubon Society

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December 19, 2014

Douglas Bosco Chair

California Coastal Conservancy 1330 Broadway, 13th Fl. Oakland, CA 94612

RE: Education & Conservation Center at Coal Oil Point Reserve

Dear Chairperson Bosco,

I am writing to support the Coal Oil Point Reserve's application for funding from the California Coastal Conservancy to renovate a building for a new Education and Conservation Center. I am the Project Coordinator of Gray Whales Count and in 2014 we completed our tenth annual survey of the northbound migration of Gray whales through the Santa Barbara Channel. We conduct our survey from land at Counter Point on the Coal Oil Point Reserve from mid-February through May (at least 98 consecutive days, from nine to five, weather and sea conditions permitting). At least 100 volunteers participate as Counters, with many having worked more than five annual Counts, some seven, and a few have worked all ten. It has become a part of our community life.

In addition to Gray whales we document all marine mammals. Because these animals are at risk, we monitor vessel traffic and record interactions between vessels and marine mammals. In January 2012, the California Department of Fish & Wildlife designated the ocean in front of our survey site a Marine Protected Area (MPA): the Campus Point State Marine Conservation Area. Our survey contributes valuable data on the activity in the MPA. And, because agencies are monitoring intertidal activity as well, we initiated *MyMPA* to gather data on the sand and ocean in front of our survey site. Members of the Goleta, Santa Barbara, and UCSB communities participate in *MyMPA*.

The Coal Oil Point Reserve is a very special environment, and we are fortunate to conduct our program from winter into spring as seasons change and birds and marine mammals are on the move. We are grateful to the reserve staff for their support and collaborative approach.

Education centers are essential to providing access on multiple levels, while enhancing the experience for diverse groups and individuals. The facilities here will become a hub for education, research, and outreach that further reinforces the value of this natural environment. The Education and Conservation Center will be a venue for classes, tours, volunteerism, and science that support conservation, restoration, environmental education, and research programs for all ages.

The project will renovate an existing 5,390 sq. ft. building adjacent to the Reserve that is owned by UCSB and has been assigned to COPR.

Coal Oil Point Reserve protects and conserves sensitive, natural resources that have been greatly diminished in California as a result of coastal development. The key to protecting these coastal resources lies in conservation, restoration, education, and

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research. The Reserve's science-based restoration and conservation program is founded on quality research and stewardship. As a result, the reserve successfully recovered species, such as the Western Snowy Plover, and restored habitats that had been lost to development.

The Reserve engages over 6,000 people annually. These visitors will use the Center's large meeting room for lectures and events, a classroom, wet lab, library, conference room and kitchen, and public restrooms, and offices.

The broad community that surrounds the reserve will benefit directly from a more diverse and natural environment and the ability to participate in environmental education and conservation activities.

The facility will greatly enhance our education effort and consolidate our research. Thank you.

My best,

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Michael H Smith
Project Coordinator