

California State Senate

SENATOR MIKE MCGUIRE

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA'S SECOND SENATE DISTRICT



June 1, 2015

California State Coastal Conservancy
Attn: Karyn Gear
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Re: Kashia Ancestral Lands Acquisition & Coastal Trail Extension (Richardson Ranch)

Dear Ms. Gear:

I am writing to express my support for the Kashia Ancestral Lands Acquisition and Coastal Trail Extension project. This project is also known as the Richardson Ranch project.

The privately owned 688-acre Richardson property is located along the northern Sonoma County coast. It contains intact, mature redwood forests separated from coastal bluffs by Highway 1. This property is within the Kashia's ancestral land and is of cultural and historical significance to the tribe - particularly because it restores historic coastal access.

The land would be owned and managed by the Kashia for the purposes of carrying out traditional tribal practices, such as hunting, fishing and camping. A conservation easement on the property held by the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District will restrict development and ensure that the forest is managed sustainably. A trail easement held by Sonoma County Regional Parks will extend the California Coastal Trail for the benefit of all.

I strongly support this project and look forward to working with you on this issue. Please contact me or Chris Rogers, Senior District Representative, at (707) 576-2771 if we can be of any further assistance. Thank you for your consideration.

Warmest regards,

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MIKE MCGUIRE
State Senator



*Kashia Round House
Founded in 1916*

*Kashia Band of Pomo Indians
of the Stewarts Point Rancheria*

May 21, 2015

California State Coastal Conservancy
Attn: Karyn Gear
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Re: Kashia Ancestral Lands Acquisition & Coastal Trail Extension (a/k/a Richardson Ranch)

Dear Karyn,

I write this letter to express the Kashia Band of Pomo Indians' impassioned support for The Trust for Public Land's grant application to the State Coastal Conservancy for funding the Kashia Ancestral Lands Acquisition & Coastal Trail Extension (a/k/a Richardson Ranch) project.

The Kashia Band of Pomo Indians were the first inhabitants of the coastal Sonoma County area around Fort Ross. The Kashia lived in lands that extend from the Gualala River in the North to Duncan's Point south of the Russian River over the coastal mountain ranges to the Warm Springs Creek, thirty miles inland. An estimated 1,500 people inhabited this area pre-contact, migrating seasonally to take full advantage of the natural resources for their subsistence. By 1870, only 3 villages remained and by 1914, the United States Federal Government began the process of taking land into Trust, establishing the Stewarts Point Rancheria. We are a federally-recognized sovereign nation with approximately 860 members, the majority of whom reside in Sonoma, Mendocino and Lake Counties.

The Kashia are a coastal people without coastal access. It is not possible to convey the significance to us of reclaiming this portion of our ancestral lands and restoring our intimate, unimpeded relationship with the coast. Acquisition of the Richardson property will unite our people, help to preserve our cultural identity, and safeguard immeasurably important cultural sites.

We are proud of our ancestry and wish to share it with the public. That is why we are working with Sonoma County to create public access through the coastal portion of the property. We seek to set an example for others in our stewardship of this land. That is why we are committing to ambitious conservation practices in the proposed conservation easement that will return the forest to a late seral condition as quickly as possible. In 50 years, this land will look and feel in many ways the way it did before the arrival of non-Natives, and it will inspire others.

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We thank you for your consideration of this funding request and hope you will support us in creating public benefit while uplifting our people.

Sincerely,

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Reno Keoni Franklin
Tribal Chairman

Exhibit 3: Project Letters



May 27, 2015

Karyn Gear
California State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Re: Kashia Ancestral Lands Acquisition & Coastal Trail Extension (Richardson Ranch)

Dear Ms. Gear:

This letter confirms the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District's strong support for The Trust for Public Land's grant application to the State Coastal Conservancy for funding the Kashia Ancestral Lands Acquisition & Coastal Trail Extension (Richardson Ranch) project.

The Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District (the "District") is a special district established for the purpose of protecting agricultural lands and open space in Sonoma County. The District uses dedicated sales tax revenue to fund the purchase of conservation easements and other property interests from willing sellers.

The Sonoma Coast is an important area for natural resource conservation. It is unique for its large tracts of redwood forest, landscape-level connectivity for wildlife, and scenic resources. The Richardson property is identified in the District's Long-Range Acquisition Plan as *Core Conifer Forestland*. We are working closely with The Trust for Public Land, the Kashia Band of Pomo Indians, and Sonoma County Regional Parks to develop this important project.

The District is interested in purchasing and stewarding a conservation easement over the Richardson property to protect the property's natural resources and open space character. The easement would return the property's forest to a late seral condition and advance goals in the Sonoma County General Plan and the District's Long-Range Acquisition Plan.

The District is also interested in purchasing a public trail easement for the County of Sonoma over the Richardson property to extend the California Coastal Trail north from Salt Point State Park. The trail easement would be conveyed to Sonoma County Regional Parks for development, operation, and maintenance. The conveyance of the public trail easement would generate significant recreational benefits for the public.

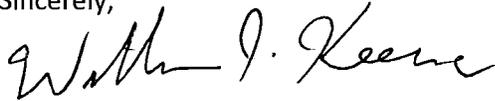
We expect to present the project to our Board of Directors in August of this year for funding approval.

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This project has our strong support, and we hope that the Coastal Conservancy will join in partnership on the project.

Sincerely,

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

William J. Keene
General Manager

c: Brendan Moriarty, The Trust for Public Land
Misti Arias, Acquisition Program Manager
Stuart Martin, Land Acquisition Specialist

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May 20, 2015

California State Coastal Conservancy
Attn: Karyn Gear
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Re: Kashia Ancestral Lands Acquisition & Coastal Trail Extension (a/k/a Richardson Ranch)

Dear Karyn,

This letter confirms Sonoma County Regional Parks' strong support for The Trust for Public Land's grant application to the State Coastal Conservancy for funding the Kashia Ancestral Lands Acquisition & Coastal Trail Extension (a/k/a Richardson Ranch) project.

Sonoma County Regional Parks ("Regional Parks") is the County's parks department. Our mission is to create healthy communities and contribute to Sonoma County's economic vitality by acquiring, developing, managing and maintaining parks and trails. To that end, we manage more than 50 parks and trails across the County, including along the north coast near the Richardson property.

We have worked closely with The Trust for Public Land, the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation & Open Space District and the Kashia Band of Pomo Indians to develop a plan for extending a public trail across the full length of the Richardson property from Salt Point State Park. The mile-long trail will traverse the coastal bluff, affording visitors the opportunity the experience the California coast in dramatic fashion, while learning about the unique cultural heritage of the land. If the project is fully funded, Regional Parks will acquire the corresponding trail easement. We would then develop and maintain the proposed trail, leveraging our existing presence in the area.

Regional Parks is very excited about this trail opportunity. The project has our full support and we thank the Coastal Conservancy for considering The Trust for Public Land's funding request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Caryl Hart".

Caryl Hart
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Douglas Bosco, Chairman
State Coastal Conservancy Board of Directors
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Re: Kashia Ancestral Lands Acquisition & Coastal Trail Extension (a.k.a. Richardson Ranch)

Dear Chairman Bosco and the Board of Directors:

I am writing this letter to affirm Coastwalk California's enthusiastic support for The Trust for Public Land's grant application to the State Coastal Conservancy for funding the Kashia Ancestral Lands Acquisition & Coastal Trail Extension (a.k.a. Richardson Ranch) project.

Coastwalk California is a state-wide, non-profit organization dedicated to ensuring the right of all people to reach and responsibly enjoy the California coast. We envision a well-stewarded California coast, highly prized as an irreplaceable commons, open to all.

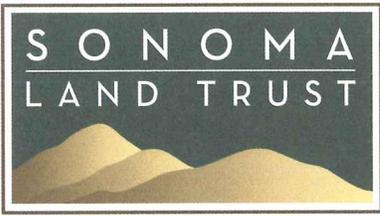
Developing the California Coastal Trail is a primary way of achieving this important mission, and the Richardson Ranch project assists greatly in moving our mission forward in this section of the coast. We are very excited that the project would unlock nearly a mile of the California coast to the public, building on the existing Salt Point State Park, and providing opportunities for unique cultural interpretation. The right partners are at the table to ensure that the project will be implemented to high standards, and we know that Regional Parks will maintain the new trail capably. We look forward to connecting our network of passionate volunteers to assist, as needed, in developing and caring for the trail.

This project has our strong support and I thank the Coastal Conservancy for considering funding this very worthy project.

Sincerely,

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Una Glass
Executive Director



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June 1, 2015

California State Coastal Conservancy
Attn: Karyn Gear
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Re: Kashia Ancestral Lands Acquisition & Coastal Trail Extension (a/k/a Richardson Ranch)

Dear Karyn,

I'm writing this letter in support of the Trust for Public Land's application to the Coastal Conservancy to help fund the acquisition of the Kashia Ancestral Lands & Coastal Trail Extension on Sonoma County's North Coast.

As you are aware, the North Coast region has been an important focal area for Sonoma Land Trust and our conservation partners for many years. This property was identified as a Tier One Conservation Priority in Sonoma Land Trust's North Coast Parcel Analysis in 2002, which was prepared with your financial and staff support. We are so pleased that the opportunity has now presented itself to permanently protect this land and provide a segment of the California Coastal Trail.

We annually convene all of the conservation groups working in and on Sonoma's North Coast to make sure we are efficiently working together, and that no opportunity is missed. We also work closely with members of The Kashia Band of Pomo Indians on all of our fee-owned properties in their region, to ensure our management practices are protective of their cultural resources. It is exciting that they are now in a position to own and restore a part of their ancestral lands. We applaud the partners who are working to make this project a success – TPL, the Kashia, SCAPOSD and Sonoma County Regional Parks, and thank them for their efforts.

This project has our enthusiastic support. Thank you and your Board for considering a grant to help fund this important project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dave Koehler".

Dave Koehler
Executive Director