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September 14, 2015

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State Coastal Conservancy
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Re: Letter of Support for Jug Handle Creek Farm

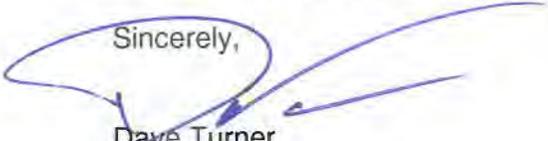
Dear Mr. Gerwein:

The Fort Bragg City Council is pleased to support Jug Handle Creek Farm's grant application for funding to implement the Nature Center's Education and Access Site Enhancement Project. This grant will upgrade Jug Handle's campground with a new bunk cabin structure and teaching space, bathroom, and shower house. The new cabins will serve school groups, Americorps volunteers, resource agencies, families and other groups looking for inexpensive overnight lodging space with access to the coast and the ocean. The new 915 SF teaching room is designed to hold classes and workshops.

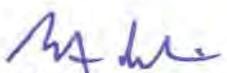
Jug Handle Creek Farm has been involved in a number of good works in this area with Mathematics, Engineering, Science Achievement (MESA) students, including restoration projects for the Coastal Trail and Otis Johnson Park. Their goals include providing an educational facility for schools, conservation groups, environmental agencies and nature lovers while serving as a model of sustainability.

We believe a Coastal Conservancy grant will enable Jug Handle Creek Farm to continue their important work as a nature education center by allowing them to complete the necessary upgrades.

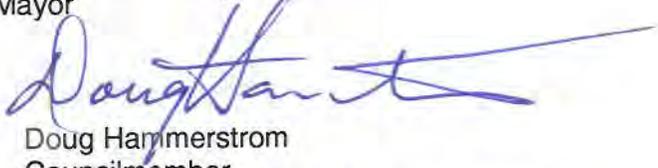
Sincerely,


Dave Turner
Mayor


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cc: Helene Chalfin, Director, Jug Handle Creek Farm

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Lisa Ann L. Mangat, *Director*

8/10/2015

Joel Gerwein
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

Dear Joel:

Jug Handle Creek Farm and Nature Center has been a partner with State Parks not only with the interpretation of the Jug Handle Ecological Staircase, but also utilizing volunteer groups such as the AmeriCorps NCCC which provide support not only to Jughandle Farm operations but do work in State Parks and for other community organizations.

I support Jughandle Farms in acquiring funding for its cabins, as the State Park cabins are under high demand and often booked year round with CCC, NCCC Fish and Wildlife and other non-profit personnel/ interns. Having additional housing that would be given priority to these volunteer based service groups would be a huge boost to the Mendocino Coast.

If you would like to discuss any of the content of this letter, please contact me directly at (707) 937-3118 .

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Loren Rex".

Loren Rex
Mendocino Sector Superintendent

CC: Helene Chalfin – Jug Handle Creek Farm and Nature Center

California State Senate

SENATOR
MIKE MCGUIRE
SECOND SENATE DISTRICT



September 30, 2015

Joel Gerwein
State Coastal Conservancy
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Re: Jug Handle Creek Farm and Nature Center Education and Access Site Enhancement Project

Dear Mr. Gerwein,

I am writing to convey my support for Jug Handle Creek Farm and Nature Center's request for State Coastal Conservancy funding to implement upgrades to their campground, which will serve school groups, Americorps volunteers, resource agencies, families and other groups seeking an inexpensive overnight lodging space with access to the coast and ocean.

The Coastal Conservancy has funded all of the preliminary work, including the studies and reports, programming, schematic designs, construction estimates, topographical, septic, archaeological, soils, botanical, permaculture and stormwater work. In June, Jug Handle Creek Farm obtained a Coastal Development Permit for this project.

The project will also include a 915-square-foot teaching room, designed to hold classes and workshops and the upgrades will enhance the campground with showers, sinks and flush toilets – something never before offered in this primitive camping spot.

I hope you will give this application your careful consideration. If we can be of any assistance, please don't hesitate to call our office at (707) 468-8914.

Warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "MIKE MCGUIRE".

MIKE MCGUIRE
Senator



CALIFORNIA
NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY
Dorothy King Young Chapter
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September 30, 2015

Mr. Joel Gerwein
California State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

Dear Mr. Gerwein,

The Dorothy King Young Chapter of the California Native Plant Society (CNPS) would like to express its support for Jug Handle Creek Farm and Nature Center's application for a grant to continue implementing its Education and Access Site Enhancement Project.

CNPS values the nature education work carried out by Jug Handle's education staff, and this capital project will allow more young people and adults to learn about the natural resources of our coast. The grant will fund a much-needed bunk cabin and teaching space, plus restroom/shower facilities.

In addition to serving such users as visiting school groups and Americorps, the bunk cabin is expected to provide low-cost lodging for families and other groups visiting our coast.

The new buildings cited above are not replacements for older or inadequate infrastructure, but will fulfill multiple, unmet needs at Jug Handle. These improvements are necessitated by the ongoing success of Jug Handle's education programs and an increase in visitors.

I would like to mention that I personally have experience with the value of this kind of facility: Missouri Botanical Garden's Shaw Nature Center's Dana Brown Overnight Center; The Arboretum at Flagstaff's Field Station; UC Berkeley's Sage Hen Field Station. All show that immersive experiences in nature are excellent ways to educate youngsters' and open them to the wonder of nature.

The Site Enhancement Project will allow Jug Handle to expand and enhance its ability to provide a nature and stewardship education facility for schools, local residents, conservation groups, resource agencies and others.

Sincerely,

Nancy Morin, Ph.D.
Chapter President
Dorothy King Young Chapter
California Native Plant Society

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September 29, 2015

Joel Gerwein
State Coastal Conservancy
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Dear Mr. Gerwein,

I am writing in support of Jug Handle Creek Farm and Nature Center's request to the State Coastal Conservancy for a \$600,000 grant to upgrade their campground.

Jug Handle is the result of 47 years of conservation work, and a passion for teaching the next generation. The property originally was protected in order preserve the trail connecting Mendocino's Pigmy Forest with the California Coast and today the property is the site of many local education and restoration programs

The Coastal Conservancy has previously supported this project contributing over \$350,000 to develop studies and plans for constructions. This grant would fund a new bunk cabin, a teaching space, a bathroom and shower house, and all of the septic work associated with these improvements. By providing living space, plumbing, and an indoor teaching space, Jug Handle will become a resource both for local school classes and for environmentalists worldwide. The bunk cabin will provide living quarters for volunteers such as AmeriCorps or college youth service teams.

I strongly support the Jug Handle Creek Farm and Nature Center's mission of environmental education and restoration, and urge your favorable consideration of this important project. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jim Wood".

JIM WOOD
Assemblymember, 2nd District

DAN GJERDE
Supervisor
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Karyn Gear
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As the county supervisor who represents communities along the northern half of the Mendocino Coast, I want to thank the California Coastal Conservancy for its support for a wide array of projects up here, and to support a pending grant request by Jug Handle Farm and Nature Center.

I have seen Jug Handle's work with students in the Fort Bragg schools, and without doubt their leadership provides these children an entrée to the natural world around us.

Equally important, Jug Handle brings highly-valued human resources to ecological projects up and down the coast, by hosting Americorps here on the Coast.

The much-anticipated new bunk cabins will serve both groups, achieving two distinct and important priorities.

Again, I want to thank the staff and board of the California Coastal Conservancy for their long term vision and longstanding commitment to partner on a wide array of projects here on the Mendocino Coast.

Sincerely,

Dan Gjerd, 4th District Supervisor
Mendocino County Board of Supervisors



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Dear Mr. Gerwein,

The Fort Bragg Unified School District is pleased to support Jug Handle Creek Farm's grant application for funding to implement the Nature Center's Education and Access Site Enhancement Project. This grant will upgrade the campground, including a new bunk structure, teaching space, restroom and shower house. The new cabins will house visiting school groups, AmeriCorps volunteers, families and various other groups looking for inexpensive overnight lodging space with coastal and ocean access. The new teaching space is designed to host classes and workshops.

Jug Handle Creek Farm's goals include providing an educational facility for schools, conservation groups, environment agencies and nature lovers while serving as a model of sustainability. They have worked on restoration projects for the new Coastal Trail and Otis Johnson Park.

I hope the Coastal Conservancy grant will help Jug Handle Creek Farm with their planned upgrades so they can continue their work as a nature education center.

Sincerely,

Charles Bush
Superintendent
Fort Bragg Unified School District