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December 2, 2015

Douglas Bosco, Chair of the Conservancy
California State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, California 94612

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I am writing to support Sonoma County Regional Parks' request for \$100,000 to complete design and secure the permits necessary to build the next stretch of Bodega Bay Trail.

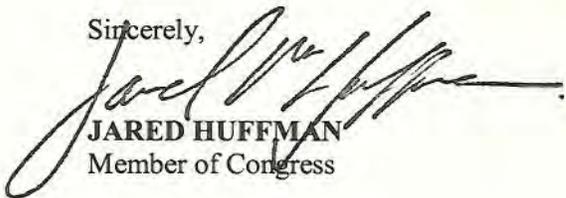
The Bodega Bay Pedestrian & Bicycle Trail Project offers a scenic pathway through the town of Bodega Bay parallel to Highway 1. This trail starts at Salmon Creek and ends at Doran Beach Regional Park, developing approximately 3.4 miles of multi-use trail. Once completed, the Bodega Bay Trail will provide a significant link in the 1,200 mile California Coastal Trail. Sonoma County Regional Parks has completed 1.5 miles of the Bodega Bay Trail and this Coastal North Harbor Trail segment is the next priority connection.

Specifically, the Coastal North Harbor Trail will extend from the just-completed Coastal Prairie Trail segment of the Bodega Bay Trail. Starting near the Bodega Bay Community Center, this 0.32 mile multi-use trail will gently descend nearly 100 feet, through a portion of Sonoma Coast State Park, connecting to Bodega Harbor at Eastshore/Bay Flat Road. The planned 8' wide multi-use trail will be constructed with a stabilized surface to accommodate accessibility, and will include 1,600 linear feet of boardwalk to protect wetlands and riparian corridors. This trail will develop a welcome alternative to walking or riding along Highway 1 for residents and visitors.

If awarded, this funding would allow Regional Parks to complete the engineering and environmental work, prepare construction plans and specifications, making the project shovel-ready, and attract additional funding opportunities. The Conservancy's funding would be a catalyst in making construction by 2018 possible.

Thank you for considering funding this next step toward implementing the California Coastal Trail along the Sonoma Coast.

Sincerely,



JARED HUFFMAN
Member of Congress

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December 22, 2015

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

Dear Chairman Bosco,

I am writing to you in support of Sonoma County Regional Parks' Bodega Bay Trail proposal. This project will offer a scenic pathway through the town of Bodega Bay parallel to Highway 1. Running from Salmon Creek to Doran Beach Regional Park, the Bodega Bay Pedestrian & Bicycle Trail Project will develop approximately 3.4 miles of multi-use trail. Once completed, it will provide a significant link in the 1,200 mile California Coastal Trail. To date, Sonoma County Regional Parks has completed 1.5 miles of the Bodega Bay Trail, with the Coastal North Harbor Trail segment as the next priority connection.

The Coastal North Harbor Trail will extend from the just-completed Coastal Prairie Trail segment of the Bodega Bay Trail. Starting near the Bodega Bay Community Center, this 0.32 mile multi-use trail will gently descend nearly 100 feet, through a portion of Sonoma Coast State Park, connecting to Bodega Harbor at Eastshore/Bay Flat Road. The planned 8' wide multi-use trail will be constructed with a stabilized surface to accommodate accessibility, and will include 1,600 linear feet of boardwalk to protect wetlands and riparian corridors. This trail will develop a welcome alternative to walking or riding along Highway 1 for residents and visitors.

I strongly encourage you to give Sonoma County Regional Parks' project your full consideration.

Warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Mike McGuire".

MIKE MCGUIRE
Senator

cc: Lisa Ames, Conservancy Project Manager
Elizabeth Tyree, Sonoma County Regional Parks

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December 14, 2015

Douglas Bosco, Chair of the Conservancy
California State Coastal Conservancy
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RE: Letter of Support—Funding for the Bodega Bay Coastal Trail

Dear Chairman Bosco,

I write in support of Sonoma County Regional Parks' request for \$100,000 to complete, design and secure the permits necessary to build the next stretch of the Bodega Bay Trail. The Bodega Bay Pedestrian & Bicycle Trail Project offers a scenic pathway through the town of Bodega Bay, parallel to State Hwy 1. The Bodega Bay Trail starts at Salmon Creek and ends at Doran Beach Regional Park, developing approximately 3.4 miles of multi-use trail. Once completed, the Bodega Bay Trail will provide a significant link in the 1,200 mile California Coastal Trail. Sonoma County Regional Parks has completed 1.5 miles of the Bodega Bay Trail and this segment is the next priority connection.

This next segment of the trail, the "Coastal North Harbor Trail," will extend from the recently completed Coastal Prairie Trail. Starting near the Bodega Bay Community Center, this 0.32 mile multi-use trail will gently descend nearly 100 feet, through a portion of Sonoma Coast State Park, connecting to Bodega Harbor at Eastshore/Bay Flat Road. The planned 8-foot wide multi-use trail will be constructed with a stabilized surface to accommodate accessibility, and will include 1,600 linear feet of boardwalk to protect wetlands and riparian corridors. This trail will develop a welcome alternative to walking or riding along Highway 1 for residents and visitors.

If funded, Regional Parks will be able to complete the engineering and environmental work, prepare construction plans and specifications, making the project shovel-ready. It will also help attract other funding opportunities. The Conservancy's funding would be a catalyst in making construction by 2018 possible.

Thank you for considering funding this next step toward implementing the California Coastal Trail along the Sonoma Coast. Please do not hesitate to contact my office if you have any questions regarding my support for this project.

Respectfully,

JIM WOOD
Assemblymember, 2nd District

cc: Lisa Ames, Conservancy Project Manager
Elizabeth Tyree, Sonoma County Regional Parks



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December 2, 2015

Douglas Bosco, Chairman
California State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
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Dear Chairman Bosco,

The Sonoma County Transportation Authority is in full support of Sonoma County Regional Parks' request for \$100,000 to complete design and secure the permits necessary to build the next stretch of Bodega Bay Trail.

The Bodega Bay Pedestrian & Bicycle Trail Project offers a scenic pathway through the town of Bodega Bay parallel to Highway 1 as is a priority project for the SCTA. The Bodega Bay Trail starts at Salmon Creek and ends at Doran Beach Regional Park, developing approximately 3.4 miles of multi-use trail. Once completed, the Bodega Bay Trail will provide a significant link in the 1,200 mile California Coastal Trail. Sonoma County Regional Parks has completed 1.5 miles of the Bodega Bay Trail and this Coastal North Harbor Trail segment is the next priority connection.

The Coastal North Harbor Trail will extend from the just-completed Coastal Prairie Trail segment of the Bodega Bay Trail. Starting near the Bodega Bay Community Center, this 0.32 mile multi-use trail will gently descend nearly 100 feet, through a portion of Sonoma Coast State Park, connecting to Bodega Harbor at Eastshore/Bay Flat Road. The planned 8' wide multi-use trail will be constructed with a stabilized surface to accommodate accessibility, and will include 1,600 linear feet of boardwalk to protect wetlands and riparian corridors. This trail will develop a welcome alternative to walking or riding along Highway 1 for residents and visitors.

If awarded, this funding would allow Regional Parks to complete the engineering and environmental work, prepare construction plans and specifications, making the project shovel-ready, and attract additional funding opportunities. The Conservancy's funding would be a catalyst in making construction by 2018 possible.

Thank you for considering funding this next step toward implementing the California Coastal Trail along the Sonoma Coast.

Sincerely,


Suzanne Smith
Executive Director, SCTA/RCPA

cc: Lisa Ames, Conservancy Project Manager
Elizabeth Tyree, Sonoma County Regional Parks

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Lisa Ann L. Mangat, Director

December 1, 2015

Douglas Bosco, Chair of the Conservancy
California State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, California 94612

Dear Chairman Bosco,

On behalf of California State Parks, we are in support of Sonoma County Regional Parks' request for \$100,000 to complete design and secure the permits necessary to build the next stretch of Bodega Bay Trail. In the past, State Parks has been a supportive partner in working to complete earlier phases of this important trail. The Bodega Bay Trail starts in Sonoma Coast State Park at Salmon Creek, will pass through Bodega Bay, and end at Doran Beach Regional Park, developing approximately 3.4 miles of multi-use trail. Once fully completed, the Bodega Bay Trail will provide a significant link in the 1,200 mile California Coastal Trail. Sonoma County Regional Parks has completed 1.5 miles of the Bodega Bay Trail and this Coastal North Harbor Trail segment is the next priority connection.

The Coastal North Harbor Trail will extend from the just-completed Coastal Prairie Trail segment of the Bodega Bay Trail. Starting near the Bodega Bay Community Center, this 0.32 mile multi-use trail will gently descend nearly 100 feet, through a portion of Sonoma Coast State Park, connecting to Bodega Harbor at Eastshore/Bay Flat Road. The planned 8' wide multi-use trail will be constructed with a stabilized surface to accommodate accessibility, and will include 1,600 linear feet of boardwalk to protect wetlands and riparian corridors. This trail will develop a welcome alternative to walking or riding along Highway 1 for residents and visitors.

If awarded, this funding would allow Regional Parks to complete the engineering and environmental work, prepare construction plans and specifications, making the project shovel-ready, and attract additional funding opportunities. The Conservancy's funding would be a catalyst in making construction by 2018 possible.

Thank you for considering funding this next step toward implementing the California Coastal Trail along the Sonoma Coast.

Sincerely,

Mike Lair
District Superintendent

cc: Lisa Ames, Conservancy Project Manager
Elizabeth Tyree, Sonoma County Regional Parks

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December 8, 2015

Douglas Bosco, Chair of the Conservancy
California State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
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Dear Chairman Bosco:

On behalf of Coastwalk California, we are in support of Sonoma County Regional Parks' request for \$100,000 to complete the design of and secure the permits necessary to build the next stretch of Bodega Bay Trail. The Bodega Bay Pedestrian & Bicycle Trail Project offers a scenic pathway through the town of Bodega Bay parallel to Highway 1. The Bodega Bay Trail starts at Salmon Creek and ends at Doran Beach Regional Park, developing approximately 3.4 miles of multi-use trail. Once completed, the Bodega Bay Trail will provide a significant link in the 1,200 mile California Coastal Trail. Sonoma County Regional Parks has completed 1.5 miles of the Bodega Bay Trail and this Coastal North Harbor Trail segment is the next priority connection.

The Coastal North Harbor Trail will extend from the just-completed Coastal Prairie Trail segment of the Bodega Bay Trail. Starting near the Bodega Bay Community Center, this 0.32 mile multi-use trail will gently descend nearly 100 feet, through a portion of Sonoma Coast State Park, connecting to Bodega Harbor at Eastshore/Bay Flat Road. The planned 8' wide, multi-use trail will be constructed with a stabilized surface to accommodate accessibility and will include 1,600 linear feet of boardwalk to protect wetlands and riparian corridors. This trail will develop a welcome alternative for residents and visitors to walking or riding along Highway 1.

If awarded, this funding would allow the Regional Parks to complete the engineering and environmental work, prepare construction plans and specifications, make the project shovel-ready, and attract additional funding opportunities. The Conservancy's funding would be a catalyst in making construction by 2018 possible.

Thank you for considering funding this next step toward implementing the California Coastal Trail along the Sonoma Coast.

Sincerely,

Una J.M. Glass
Executive Director

cc: Lisa Ames, Conservancy Project Manager
Elizabeth Tyree, Sonoma County Regional Parks

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Sonoma County Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee

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December 18, 2015

Douglas Bosco, Chair of the Conservancy
California State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, California 94612

Dear Chairman Bosco,

On behalf of the Sonoma County Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee, we offer our full support of Sonoma County Regional Parks' request for \$100,000 to complete design and secure the permits necessary to build the next stretch of the Bodega Bay Trail. The Bodega Bay Trail will offer a scenic pathway through the town of Bodega Bay parallel to State Highway 1. The Bodega Bay Trail will include approximately 3.4 miles of multi-use trail between Salmon Creek and Doran Beach Regional Park. Once fully completed, the Bodega Bay Trail will provide a significant link in the 1,200 mile California Coastal Trail.

Sonoma County Regional Parks has already completed 1.5 miles of the Bodega Bay Trail and the Coastal North Harbor Trail segment is the next priority connection. Starting near the Bodega Bay Community Center, the Coastal North Harbor Trail will provide a 0.32 mile multi-use trail gently descending through a portion of Sonoma Coast State Park and connecting to Bodega Harbor at Bay Flat Road. The planned 8-foot wide multi-use trail will be constructed with a stabilized surface to accommodate accessibility and will include 1,600 linear feet of boardwalk to protect wetlands and riparian corridors. This additional trail segment will offer yet another alternative in Bodega Bay to bicycling or walking along State Highway 1 for both residents and visitors.

This funding from the Coastal Conservancy for the Bodega Bay Trail would allow Sonoma County Regional Parks to complete the engineering and environmental work and prepare construction plans and specifications. Completing these tasks would then make the project shovel-ready and attract additional funding opportunities toward possible construction by 2018.

Thank you for considering funding this next step toward implementing the California Coastal Trail along the Sonoma Coast.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joe Morgan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Joe Morgan, Chair
Sonoma County Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee

cc: Elizabeth Tyree, Sonoma County Regional Parks



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Douglas Bosco, Chair of the Conservancy
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December 20, 2015

Dear Chairman Bosco,

Sonoma County Bicycle Coalition enthusiastically supports Sonoma County Regional Parks' request for \$100,000 to complete design and secure the permits necessary to continue development of the Bodega Bay Trail. In addition to providing a scenic pathway through the town of Bodega Bay, public safety will be dramatically improved by offering pedestrians and bicyclist an alternative to an especially narrow and dangerous section of State Highway 1.

The Bodega Bay Trail starts at Salmon Creek and ends at Doran Beach Regional Park, developing approximately 3.4 miles of multi-use trail. Sonoma County Regional Parks has completed 1.5 miles of the project and this Coastal North Harbor Trail segment is the next priority connection. When completed, the Bodega Bay Trail will provide a critical link in the 1,200 mile California Coastal Trail.

With financial assistance from the Coastal Conservancy, Regional Parks will be able to complete the engineering, environmental work, and prepare construction plans for this section of the Bodega Bay Trail, making the project shovel-ready, and attract additional funding opportunities. The Conservancy's funding would be a catalyst in making construction by 2018 possible.

Thank you for considering funding this next important step toward building the California Coastal Trail along the Sonoma Coast.

Sincerely,

Gary Helfrich
Executive Director
Sonoma County Bicycle Coalition

cc: Lisa Ames, Conservancy Project Manager
Elizabeth Tyree, Sonoma County Regional Parks

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December 28, 2015

Douglas Bosco, Chair
California State Coastal Conservancy
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Oakland, California 94612

Dear Chairman Bosco,

I am writing this letter as a member of the Bodega Bay Pedestrian and Bicycle Path Citizens Advisory Committee regarding the Sonoma County Regional Parks' request for \$100,000 to complete design and secure the permits necessary to build the next stretch of Bodega Bay Trail. The Advisory Committee has not met for about 10 yrs; many of the original members are no longer alive or no longer live in Bodega Bay.

The Bodega Bay Pedestrian & Bicycle Trail project resulted from a series of citizen meetings and a 2005 report titled Bodega Bay Bicycle and Pedestrian Trails Study. The report was prepared by LandPaths. Thirteen residents and a representative of Coastwalk made up the public membership. Agencies participating included the CA Coastal Conservancy (including funding), Sonoma County Transit, County Regional Parks; Transportation and Public Works; Permit & Resource Management; the 5th District Supervisor, State Parks and Caltrans.

The major concern and stated purpose for support of a path by Bodega Bay residents was to provide a safe path of travel from one end of town to another for its residents first and foremost and secondarily for visitors/tourists. The narrow or non existent shoulders along Route 1, made travel from, for example, the Salmon Creek neighborhood to the post office on Smith Brothers Road dangerous. The only affordable housing and home to many employees of area restaurants and hotels, BnBs was at Porto Bodega on the bay. Again walking to work was and is fraught with danger (projecting mirrors of large RVs being only one concern).

The Conceptual Improvement Plan first introduced the list of segments potentially constituting the path alignment from the south (Birdwalk at Doran Regional Park) to the north - Salmon Creek neighborhood. The CIP contained trail/path alignments identified as preferred short-term, preferred medium-term and preferred long-term, as well as other recommended improvements to (to regional trails and roadways, both state and county).

At that time, LandPaths prepared an estimate for an Environmental Impact Report to accompany the Conceptual Plan, in compliance with CEQA. An EIR was never prepared for the overall project/plan. County PRMD management had a philosophy against preparing EIRs for county projects at that time. Instead, in the ensuing 10 years, as monies became available for segments of the path, segmented environmental assessments were prepared for those segments. Based on those environmental documents, segments of the path have been built. Trail segments identified as priority seem more associated with funding availability than anything else. Certainly the priorities don't seem based on local citizen priorities or those that might have

been identified via an environmental analysis of the path in its entirety, fully assessing the cumulative impacts of construction as a means of identifying priorities or alignments to be avoided, reprioritized or abandoned due to significant adverse impacts unacceptable to the public.

While I have in the past written in support of path advances, I find I can no longer support segmented construction of the path without a full overall environmental analysis - EIR - to identify the cumulative impacts of any and all alignments.

The segments currently being proposed for construction - the Coastal North Harbor Trail will extend from the just-completed Coastal Prairie Trail segment of the Bodega Bay Trail. Starting near the Bodega Bay Community Center, this 0.32 mile multi-use trail will gently descend nearly 100 feet, through a portion of Sonoma Coast State Park, connecting to Bodega Harbor at Eastshore/Bay Flat Road. The planned 8' wide multi-use trail will be constructed with a stabilized surface to accommodate accessibility, and will include 1,600 linear feet of boardwalk to protect wetlands and riparian corridors.

This area contains a little known, save to locals, of trees that form a Monarch butterfly "reserve." Exposing this area to impacts during construction as well as from increased pedestrian and bicycle traffic is of concern to many. This is one example of the shortcomings of segmenting environmental analysis versus identifying cumulative impacts as a means of assessing an overall path/preferred alternative. Another area of significant concern is the segment of the path proposed as a boardwalk to cross the bay adjacent to and south from Porto Bodega, an area of sensitive tidelands, not to mention an Internationally Important Bird Area (IBA) and subject to sea level rise.

I urge you to provide the necessary funding to allow a full on EIR to be prepared rather than continuing to fund segments of the path with the associated segmented environmental assessment. As an attorney, I am sure you realize the folly of segmenting analysis under CEQA and the exposure this approach brings to all of the parties associated with this project.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

Norma Jellison

Norma Jellison
Bodega Bay Resident and member of the former
Bodega Bay Pedestrian and Bicycle Path Citizens Advisory Committee

cc: Lisa Ames, Conservancy Project Manager
Elizabeth Tyree, Sonoma County Regional Parks