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February 18, 2016

In Reply Refer To:
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Grant Roden
Cher-Ae Heights Indian Community of the Trinidad Rancheria
PO Box 630
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Dear Mr. Roden:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) expresses support for the Trinidad Rancheria Sustainable Fishing Program for Youth. The BLM and the Trinidad Rancheria have effectively worked together for over 10 years as stewards of the California Coastal National Monument (CCNM) in the vicinity of the Trinidad Rancheria in Humboldt County, California. The Trinidad Rancheria serves as a CCNM Steward and works closely with the Core-Managing Partners of the CCNM and other CCNM partners, as appropriate, to assist with the protection and administration of the portion of the CCNM and its various resources and resource values within the Trinidad Area.

The management goals expressed in the above mentioned MOU are consistent with the goals outlined in the Sustainable Fishing Program for Youth grant proposal. Developing environmental education and outdoor recreational opportunities for underserved youth, associated with CCNM's cultural and ecological resources, promotes management goals established in the MOU. The events associated with this program will increase public awareness and respect of local cultural history and coastal natural resources through example, education, and community cooperation.

The BLM appreciates this opportunity to express support for this program. Please call me with any questions at (707) 825-2309.

Sincerely,

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Molly Brown
Arcata Field Manager



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February 19, 2016

Doug Bosco, Chair
California State Coastal Conservancy
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Attention: Susan A. Corbaley, Project Manager

Dear Chair Bosco:

On behalf of the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors, I am writing to support the grant application by Cher-Ae Heights Indian Community of the Trinidad Rancheria for the Trinidad Rancheria Sustainable Fishing Program for Youth Program.

The goal of the Trinidad Rancheria Sustainable Fishing Program For Youth is to develop and implement a sustainable fishing educational program that will teach young anglers ages 5-15 the importance of becoming an ethical angler, conservation, the basics of how to fish, and the history and culture of Trinidad Bay.

There will be four hands on educational workshops and three fishing events offered at the Seascape Pier in Trinidad California. Each of the educational programs will be age group appropriate, and utilize local experts to pass on their skills and knowledge. The fishing events will be opportunities to apply the information learned during the educational programs, and will include free use of rods and reels, bait, tackle and educational materials.

The Trinidad Rancheria Sustainable Fishing Program For Youth will provide children a holistic approach to fishing that will provide a sustainable framework that can foster a lifelong passion for an outdoor activity that reinforces patience, self-reliance, learning, conservation and family time.

We are eager to see the Trinidad Rancheria Sustainable Fishing Program for Youth Program developed and welcome the Coastal Conservancy's assistance in supporting its development.

Sincerely,

Mark Lovelace, Chair
Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

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March 3, 2016

State Coastal Conservancy
Explore the Coast Grant Committee
1330 Broadway Street, Suite 1300
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Dear Selection Committee:

The City of Fort Bragg would like to offer enthusiastic support for the Noyo Center for Marine Science's proposal for your Explore the Coast grant program. The Coastal Conservancy has been an important ally in the City's planning for the redevelopment of the mill site, the Noyo Center and the coastal trail. The video segments proposed in this grant will enrich your California Coastal Trail app, and bring wider attention to our newly opened, and very popular, segments of the Fort Bragg coastal trail.

The City strongly believes that the Noyo Center for Marine Science plays a key role in the redevelopment of the former mill site and in the larger revitalization of the Fort Bragg's economy. Increasing awareness of the beauty and history of our coastline, as well as the great science the Noyo Center is already doing, will introduce the Noyo Center and Fort Bragg to new audiences, and go a long way in assuring their success. Your grant funds will help continue their good work.

Please do not hesitate to let me know if we can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

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Linda Ruffing
City Manager
City of Fort Bragg

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March 8, 2016

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

Dear Chairman Bosco,

I am writing in full support of the Explore the Coast Grant application by the California Coastal Trail Association for development of content for the Conservancy's soon to be released ETC smartphone "app". In addition to content development this project will be a multimedia outreach campaign focused on generating widespread public awareness of the California Coastal Trail.

The Coastal Conservancy, with participation from the CCTA, has been working to develop a smart phone "app" that will guide the public to the Coastal Trail and provide compelling information about activities and amenities along the Trail. This project will produce approximately 100 georeferenced points of interest including information about activities along the trail, thereby contributing a significant quantity of statewide quality content for the app. In a nutshell, this project will significantly add to the breadth of content available to the public within the app.

This project addresses three Explore the Coast program priorities:

- It provides a valuable recreational, environmental, cultural, or historic learning experience
- It increases stewardship of coastal resources
- It enhances the public's coastal experience in a way that does not currently exist.

Although the CCTA is a new organization, it already attracted all fifteen coastal county governments to become Charter members. This shows that the CCT enjoys wide geographic support and that local government wants to fully participate in ensuring the Trail's future. The content from this project will serve to promote the local economies of CCTA members, as well as inform the public of recreational opportunities, and attract visitors, so we enthusiastically support this project!

Thank you for considering funding for this important program that is vital to the California Coastal Trail's future.

Kindly,


Efrén Carrillo
Supervisor, Fifth District



February 17, 2016

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

Dear Coastal Conservancy,

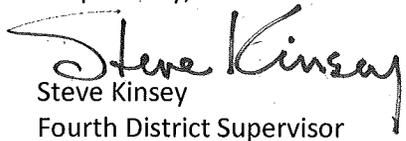
As Fourth District Supervisor, I am writing this letter of support for the Point Reyes National Seashore Association's (PRNSA) Explore the Coast grant application to your organization. It is my understanding that the program offers experiential coastal, environmental science and natural history education field trips for San Francisco Bay Area youth at locations around Point Reyes National Seashore.

The program is currently led by professional ecologists and naturalists, and "*Science at the Seashore*", brings students to the park's wetlands, watersheds, and beaches for 3 – 5 hours to experience wetland habitat restoration, macro-invertebrate and fish sampling, water quality testing, wetland bird counts, plant monitoring, creek cross-section profiling, and marine debris collection and surveys. *Science at the Seashore's* field-based science education program is designed to build basic ecological and conservation literacy, promote a sense of discovery and affinity toward our amazing coastal environment, and inspire feelings of ecological stewardship that result from feeling a deeper connection to nature.

Current research has shown that exposing children to nature improves their academic performance, self-esteem, and sense of personal responsibility, as well as their appreciation and inclination toward responsible stewardship of nature. I believe that the program addresses critical needs of youth today by providing experiences in our national parks and would help fill the demand of school groups for organized programs. With additional grant funding this program will expand their components and bring 900 students annually. Over 50% of students will come from underserved schools and approximately 25% will come from Marin County including my district.

Once again, thank you for your consideration of this proposal and hope that may be able to fund this important program.

Respectfully,


Steve Kinsey
Fourth District Supervisor
Marin County Board of Supervisors

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Dear Mr.Doug Bosco,

My name is Alma Vasquez and I am the Assistant Program Manager of the Community Health Workers Training Program at the Homeless Prenatal Program in San Francisco. I would like to express our sincerest gratitude and appreciation for this incredible opportunity that Ocean Riders will be providing us. This opportunity will allow our team of inner city women to experience a coastal environment that will create a very unique space for team building, practicing mindfulness and supports our efforts in teaching trust and effective communication skills. Our women come from many cultural backgrounds and various life experiences. They are all now on their career paths in the social service sector. Ocean Riders will not only be providing us with a gift that fosters growth but that also promotes healing. Thank you once again for this opportunity.

Sincerely,

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Alma Vasquez
Assistant Program Manager



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

March 1, 2016

Dear Mr. Bosco,

It is with great pleasure that I write this letter of support for Ocean Riders of Marin. Ocean Riders of Marin has been committed to providing high quality field trip experiences for our students to learn about their local habitat and to explore the watershed's natural resources. In addition, our students gained hands-on experience learning to ride and care for the horses. Our students rarely have the opportunity to explore new places beyond their immediate environment. I was impressed by the quality of instruction and guidance provided by Ocean Riders staff and volunteers. Ocean Riders was also helpful in sharing the transportation costs which was instrumental in allowing us to participate in this program.

Canal Family Support provides educational assistance and enrichment activities that support the cultural, physical, social, and cognitive development of youth in San Rafael's Canal neighborhood. The majority of children served come from families who are struggling with poverty, limited English skills and/or marginalized legal status. Canal Family support provides additional assistance aimed at helping families gain and maintain self-sufficiency and healthy family functioning.

I feel extremely fortunate that our program was able to benefit from this superb educational opportunity. We look forward to continuing to collaborate with Ocean Riders and appreciate their commitment to providing educational opportunities for underserved communities.

Sincerely,

Carlos Garcia
Senior Program Director
Catholic Charities Canal Family Support



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

March 2, 2016

Dear Mr. Bosco,

I am writing this letter in support of Ocean Riders of Marin and their exceptional work with the Marin City community. I have been leading after school fieldtrips for Marin City youth the past three years. Through our program, we provide low-income students of color with opportunities to explore Marin's natural beauty. Without our program, our youth might not get the chance to see the ocean, climb a tree, or enjoy the view from Mount Tam.

Through the Ocean Riders of Marin, we were able to provide these young people with the chance of a lifetime: the opportunity to groom and ride horses. The chance to interact with such large and beautiful animals was truly transformative for many of our students. The staff and volunteers at Ocean Riders worked closely with us to accommodate our group's unique needs, and exercised patience with our youth. Our experience was both professional and compassionate in all phases, from planning, communicating, coordinating, and executing the programs.

It is my sincere wish to see Ocean Riders continue their amazing work providing low-income and underserved communities with powerful and transformative experiences with horses. If you would like additional information about my involvement with Ocean Riders, please feel free to contact me via phone or email.

Best Wishes,

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February 5, 2016

Doug Bosco, Chair
California State Coastal Conservancy
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Dear Mr. Bosco,

It is our pleasure to write a letter in support of the proposal submitted by the Environmental Action Committee of West Marin (EAC) to obtain funding for educator and youth scholarships as part of the expansion of the Point Reyes Birding and Nature Festival.

The Open Classroom is located in the San Geronimo Valley and has been approached by the EAC to participate in the expansion of the Point Reyes Birding and Nature Festival to provide educator scholarships and a field trip for our students. A core philosophy of Open Classroom is that learning is exciting, that the excitement adults and other children feel is catching, and that the best learning is “hands on.” For this reason, we are looking forward to taking advantage of this opportunity to immerse our teachers and students in a natural setting focused on exploration of the unique habitats and biodiversity of our coastal areas.

The Open Classroom supports the efforts of the EAC as they seek external funding to expand the Point Reyes Birding and Nature Festival. We see this as an excellent opportunity for our educators and students to get outside, explore, and learn about the importance of our irreplaceable coastal resources.

Sincerely,

Marlene Maiello, Larry Nigro, Jenelle Ferhart, Anita Collison
Teaching Staff of the Open Classroom
San Geronimo Valley Elementary School

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Clare Sobetski, Science Teacher
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February 1, 2016

Doug Bosco, Chair
California State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, Suite 1300
Oakland, CA 94618

Attention: Susan A. Corbaley

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing to convey my support for Point Reyes National Seashore Association's Explore the Coast grant application for their Science at the Seashore program. As a science teacher in Richmond High School, I have been extremely lucky to bring my 9th and 10th grade students to the Seashore, to participate in extended science and nature programming based at the Clem Miller Environmental Education Center, including single-day, Science at the Seashore field trip experiences. Without these opportunities, my students likely would never have the opportunity to visit the vast open space of Point Reyes National Seashore beaches, or to step into muddy wetlands to discover first-hand, the food-web and ecosystem complexities that reveal themselves with close observation and hands-on exploration. It is clear to me as a teacher that these type of immersive experiences leave long-lasting impressions, help to solidify lessons taught in our classrooms, and help build a familiarity with wild, outdoor spaces that otherwise would not be possible for a vast majority of our students.

Considering our school District's inability to support off-site environmental science field trips, transportation and school scholarship support by PRNSA has made our visits to the Seashore possible. I hope to have another opportunity to bring our students to the Point Reyes National Seashore again next year, as it is certainly a highlight of our school year!

Sincerely,

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February 11, 2016

Doug Bosco, Chairman
California State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

Dear Chairman Bosco:

This letter is to express my support of the Environmental Action Committee of West Marin (EAC) application for funding from the Explore the Coast Grant. This grant would allow EAC to provide scholarships for educators and students for the Point Reyes Birding and Nature Festival.

With the grant The Point Reyes Birding and Nature Festival will be able to provide an opportunity for educators and students to explore the Point Reyes National Seashore and surrounding areas over Earth Day weekend. As part of an ongoing educational campaign, EAC will host a series of classroom trips creating a hands-on opportunity for youth to experience the outdoors, our unique coastal habitats, and gain a better understanding of their role in environmental stewardship.

Since its establishment in 1976, the California Coastal Conservancy has acted as the steward of our coasts and fostered safe, fun, and educational experiences of the iconic California coast through many programs, such as the Explore the Coast Grants.

The Point Reyes Birding and Nature Festival epitomizes the principles and goals of the Coastal Conservancy. To award EAC the Explore the Coast Grant would expand access to this event and help build on the huge success the Festival has already seen.

I respectfully request your favorable consideration of this application. Please feel free call me or my staff at (415) 479-4920 if my office can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

MARC LEVINE

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March 7, 2016

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

Subject: Support for Explore the Coast Projects

Dear Mr. Bosco:

I encourage the Coastal Conservancy to approve ten proposed Explore the Coast grants for projects that directly address needs of 9th Senate District residents. These proposed grants are:

- \$35,000 to **Friends of Sausal Creek** for its Follow Your Creek program, which encourages elementary and high school students and their families living in East Oakland's lower Sausal Creek watershed to learn about the physical and ecological connections between the creek and San Francisco Bay;
- \$17,150 to **Save the Redwoods League** to educate elementary school students in Oakland about their local watershed through field trips to redwoods and the shore, classroom study, and hands-on project experience;
- \$50,000 to **Golden Gate Audubon** to support its Eco-Education Program and bring underserved 3rd through 5th grade students and their families on weekday field trips to a local wetland and creek and a weekend family-oriented trip to San Francisco's Muir Beach;
- \$12,670 to **Earth Team** to provide a two-day coastal experience, including camping in San Francisco, for 120 students from eight East Bay high schools located in low-income communities;
- \$42,000 to **Earth Island Institute** for the **Kids for the Bay** environmental education project, which provides an opportunity for underserved elementary school students and their families to learn about their watershed and how it connects with San Francisco Bay and the ocean;
- \$32,000 to the **Watershed Project** to expand its Wild Oysters program and provide underserved high school students in West Contra Costa County with environmental education and career training;
- \$6,865 to the **West Contra Costa Unified School District** to support three annual kayaking trips at Elkhorn Slough in Monterey County for the ESCAPE Club of **Lovonya DeJean Middle School** in Richmond;

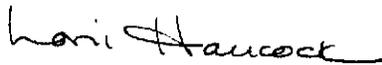
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- \$22,380 to **Ocean Awareness Project Inc.**, on behalf of **Citizens for a Sustainable Point Molate** for its Vaya al Playa project, which will provide a chartered bus from inner city Richmond to and from Point Molate Beach Park on select summer days for two years;
- \$27,000 to the **Environmental Justice Coalition for Water**, on behalf of the **North Richmond Shoreline Open Space Alliance**, to support the North Richmond Shoreline Festival, a free public festival held annually at Point Pinole Regional Shoreline; and
- \$50,000 to Berkeley's **Bay Area Outreach & Recreation Program** for a two-year program of outdoor recreation geared to persons with mobility disabilities and visual impairments;

All of these projects are designed to facilitate and encourage visits to parks and shoreline areas, particularly for people who have limited transportation options or disabilities. Most of the projects specifically target underserved students and their families and include educational components that fit well with their schools' science curricula.

I appreciate the Coastal Conservancy's consideration of support for projects that will benefit the underserved residents of Contra Costa and Alameda counties. If I can assist you on any other related issues, please contact my district office at (510) 286-1333.

Sincerely,

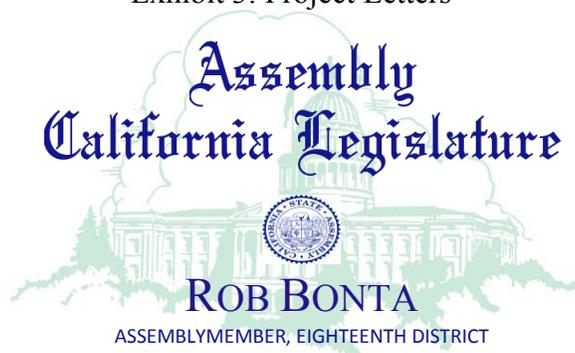


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March 2, 2016

Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chairman
California Coastal Conservancy
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Oakland, CA 94612-2530

Re: Letter of Support for Friends of Sausal Creek's Explore the Coast Grant Program Application

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I am writing to support the Friends of Sausal Creek's exciting new project, "Follow Your Creek: Where the Lower Sausal Creek Watershed Connects to the Coast."

I understand that this funding would enable the Friends of Sausal Creek (FOSC) to lead 100 field trips for students at underserved schools near the mouth of Sausal Creek over the next three years. Approximately 1,000 students would have the opportunity to learn about the physical and ecological connection of the creek to the Oakland Estuary. In walking along the San Francisco Bay Trail, they will get to see the wildlife in their urban neighborhood and learn about ways to be environmental stewards. Students and their families will be invited to participate in volunteer workdays in their neighborhoods led by FOSC and their community partners.

Over the past 20 years FOSC has demonstrated remarkable success at recruiting volunteers to help in activities throughout the watershed and at bringing thousands of children to the watershed to participate in high-quality restoration and outdoor education activities. Through their efforts they have forged longstanding relationships with student and community groups throughout Oakland and the East Bay. I look forward to seeing their efforts expand in the lower watershed, where access to nature and recreation is all the more critical for the health and well-being of the community.

Thank you very much for your consideration of their application. If I may be of assistance to you on any other state-related issue, please feel free to contact my district office at (510) 286-1670.

Sincerely,

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Rob Bonta
Assemblymember, 18th District

March 2, 2016

Douglas Bosco, Chairperson
California State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
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Re: Friends of Sausal Creek Application Letter of Support

Mr. Bosco:

I am pleased to write this letter of support for the Friends of Sausal Creek (FOSC) for their Explore the Coast Grant program application. As a 16-year resident of Jingtletown, I was the project manager for the design and installation of the Peterson Street Art Wall and Garden Project initiated in 2009. This project includes 2,000 square feet of murals and mosaics created by 16 local artists. I helped to organize neighborhood workdays to design a 2,000 sq. ft. native plant garden for along the wall walkway, highlighting the section of Sausal Creek that flows underground through this neighborhood. Many of the plants in this garden were purchased from the FOSC Native Plant Nursery (discounted by FOSC and paid for through grants and donations). My leadership on this project led to my being asked to serve on the Keep Oakland Beautiful board of directors.

We continue to lead quarterly cleanups around the garden, in the neighborhood, and along the estuary. We notice that when cleanups are led by FOSC upstream, we have less trash to pick up downstream!

As a neighborhood leader, I am excited to partner with FOSC for their "Follow Your Creek: Where the Lower Sausal Creek Watershed Connects to the Coast" program. We look forward to many more students becoming aware of the murals, and we will appreciate their help in watering, weeding, and planting the 500 native plants in the garden that FOSC is donating as part of the program. We also look forward to expanding opportunities for students and their families to help steward the neighborhood and our stretch of coast by adding a Martin Luther King Jr. workday, in partnership with FOSC, to our existing Earth Day and Creek to Bay Day workdays. We are also excited to partner with FOSC to resume neighborhood tours highlighting the area's culture, history, and the San Francisco Bay Trail as a regional recreational opportunity as part of the East Bay Open Studios in June.

Thank you for considering FOSC's application. If you wish to contact me, I can be reached at (415) 516-3883 or ronin36@sbcglobal.net.

Sincerely,



Cynthia Elliott
Founding Member
Jingtletown Arts & Business Community
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March 4, 2016

Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chairman
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

Re: Letter of Support for Friends of Sausal Creek's Explore the Coast Grant Program Application

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I am writing to support the Friends of Sausal Creek's submittal for \$41,875 in Coastal Conservancy funding for their project: "Follow Your Creek: Where the Lower Sausal Creek Watershed Connects to the Coast." This funding will enable the Friends of Sausal Creek (FOSC) to lead 100 field trips over the next three years for Oakland families and students from underserved schools within a mile of Sausal Creek's mouth. Students will learn about the ecology of Sausal Creek and the surrounding watershed and will also learn about and engage in opportunities to volunteer for FOSC watershed stewardship projects.

Oakland Public Works collaborates closely with FOSC. We have authorized FOSC to lead volunteer workdays at several sites in Oakland's Sausal Creek Watershed, including Fruitvale Bridge Park at the mouth of Sausal Creek. FOSC is an important contributor to the Public Works volunteer program and its efforts to clean and green Oakland. FOSC's watershed education and restoration has helped bring on and mentor generations of volunteers and watershed stewards.

The City of Oakland has successfully collaborated with FOSC on numerous projects, and we have witnessed their dedicated work resulting in significant ecological restoration and improvement in creek health throughout the Sausal Creek Watershed. We are excited that this program will also include adding to the group's activities a Martin Luther King Jr. workday and an annual Jingtowntown neighborhood and coastline tour, both in partnership with Jingtowntown Arts and Business Community.

Thank you for considering FOSC's application. Please do not hesitate to contact me at (510) 238-7294 or mperlmutter@oaklandnet.com if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Mike Perlmutter

Environmental Stewardship Team Supervisor
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February 8, 2016

California State Coastal Conservancy
Attn: Board of Directors
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

RE: Explore Your Watershed Elementary School Program in Oakland, CA

Dear Board Members of the California State Coastal Conservancy:

I write to confirm my strong support of Save the Redwood League's application for the Explore Your Watershed Elementary School Program at Allendale Elementary School and Learning Without Limits. This project will design and implement a dynamic environmental education program to benefit underserved students in Oakland, through experiential learning and science-based observation.

This project includes a bay shoreline element where students will visit Crab Cove in Alameda to learn about biodiversity, local coastal resources, conservation and stewardship. In addition, students will visit Redwood Regional Park where they will learn about the importance of conservation efforts in the upper watershed, especially in the context of climate change. These field trips, related classroom lessons and guided individual and class projects will introduce students to their watershed, demonstrating the connection between local redwood forests, the San Francisco Bay and the neighborhoods in between.

East Bay Regional Parks District will be a partner in program implementation, which will positively impact hundreds of Oakland schoolchildren. The Explore Your Watershed Program focuses on student populations that are more than 50 percent students of color, and with more than 50 percent of students participating in the free- and reduced-price school lunch program.

I respectfully urge you to give this project your highest consideration. Please contact Justin Rausa at my District Office should you have questions about my support at 510 286-1670. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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ROB BONTA
Assemblymember, 18th District





United States Department of the Interior



FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE
San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge Complex
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Fremont, California 94555

January 11, 2016

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

Subject: Support for San Francisco Bay Trail/Canogle *Explore the Coast* Grant Application

Dear Mr. Bosco,

On behalf of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge Complex, I'm offering our full support for the San Francisco Bay Trail Project's application for funding from the Coastal Conservancy's *Explore the Coast* grant program to produce four new smartphone audio tours.

The Alviso Pond A-16 Trail on the Don Edwards San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge was selected as one of the first sites for launching the new Bay Trail Canogle smartphone audio tour under the first *Explore the Coast* grant program. This tour has provided us with an exciting new way to educate and inform the public – from young digital natives to older tech-savvy adults - about the important wildlife conservation, habitat restoration, and wildlife-dependent recreational opportunities on our National Wildlife Refuges.

In this second *Explore the Coast* grant round, we are pleased that the Bay Trail Project has chosen to feature two additional sites within the Don Edwards San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge – our newly completed Inner Bair Island Trail near Redwood City and recently improved trail segments that parallel our Alviso Ponds adjacent to Moffett Field. These sites host a variety of trail users, from bicycle commuters, tech industry workers, wildlife enthusiasts, local families and school groups.

We look forward to partnering again with the Bay Trail Project and Canogle staff to assist with development of the tour content should the grant be awarded. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at anne_morkill@fws.gov or 510-782-0222 ext 123.

Sincerely,

Anne Morkill
Refuge Complex Manager

cc: Laura Thompson, San Francisco Bay Trail Project



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January 29, 2016

**To: Explore the Coast Grant Review Board
State of California Coastal Commission**

**From: Christopher J Barr, Deputy Director
San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge Complex**

RE: San Francisco Bay Wildlife Society' s Inclusive Environmental Education Explore the Coast Grant Application

We are proud to support the San Francisco Bay Wildlife Society's program to bring more underserved community members to the San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge through the Explore the Coast grant. Our Environmental Education programs are designed to teach students of all ages to understand the purpose and role of the Refuge in the context of human activities, and we have been working with youth from ethnically diverse populations, facilitating Title 1 school attendance with the help of the San Francisco Bay Wildlife Society, for years.

The Explore the Coast grant will complement and expand our programs. We have a long-term working relationship with San Francisco Bay Wildlife Society, especially working together on Environmental Education programs, and have plenty of capacity for the planned increase in internships and outreach.

Thank you for this opportunity to meet our goals to increase education and outreach on the Refuge, and to address a diverse urban audience. We look forward to working with the California Coastal Commission and San Francisco Bay Wildlife Society on this project.

Sincerely,

Christopher J. Barr
Deputy Project Leader
San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge Complex



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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
Golden Gate National Recreation Area
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IN REPLY REFER TO:
March 3, 2016

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

Dear Mr. Bosco:

On behalf of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area of the National Park Service I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for the Bay Area Outreach & Recreation Program's **Outdoor Coastal Access for Individuals with Disabilities Project** which was recently recommended for funding as part of the California Coastal Conservancy's Explore the Coast Program. The Project will make it possible for people with physical disabilities to have numerous opportunities to experience California's coastal recreation areas – something that has not been very possible in the past. Because California has greatly improved coastal access in the last decade, the **Outdoor Coastal Access for Individuals with Disabilities Project** offers the perfect vehicle for taking full advantage of this new access and the ability to bring individuals to coastal National Parks.

Until recently, people with physical disabilities such as paralysis, blindness, cerebral palsy, and other mobility impairments were not able to fully experience California's many coastal resources. Wheelchairs can be challenging to use on long grades and variable path conditions and interpretive and wildlife viewing facilities are sometimes a long distance from parking and access areas. With an increased number of accessible trails and paths people with disabilities can enjoy the California's coast with the proper programmatic support. The **Outdoor Coastal Access for Individuals with Disabilities Project** will provide this support and enable hundreds of people with disabilities to take advantage of the new accessibility features that are now part of our coastal parks system.

As the primary Bay Area provider of adaptive recreation programming for people with physical disabilities, BORP is the perfect agency to take on the task of increasing coastal, outdoor accessibility, and the Golden Gate National Recreation Area/National Park Service is pleased to support their Explore the Coast proposal. This grant funding from the California Coastal Conservancy will enable this project to move forward and help BORP build on its successful outdoor recreation programming to offer new opportunities to individuals with physical disabilities.

Sincerely,

Richard De La O
Accessibility Program Manager, Golden Gate National Recreation Area, National Park Service
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January 27, 2016

Ms. Brenda Buxton
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway Street, Suite 1300
Oakland, CA 9461

RE: Support for the Hayward Area Recreation and Park District's Application for an "Explore the Coast" Grant from the California Coastal Conservancy

Dear Ms. Buxton:

I am writing in strong support of the Hayward Area Recreation and Park District's (HARD) application for an "Explore the Coast" grant from the California Coastal Conservancy. As one of the largest recreation districts in the State of California, the HARD's sole purpose is to enrich the quality of life for our communities by providing a variety of recreation activities, parks, and facilities that promote health and wellness, learning, and fun. A grant from the California Coastal Conservancy will allow HARD to develop two innovative yet distinct programs that will educate visitors about the Hayward Shoreline.

One of the programs proposed by HARD is a "Wetland Education Program" that will give access to over 600 low-income Hayward area youth to participate as stewards in this "hands-on" program. These young pupils will have the unique opportunity to learn about the San Francisco Bay habitat and adjacent marshlands. In addition, these pupils will attend fieldtrips to the Hayward Shoreline to learn about invasive plant and animal species. Such a program will further HARD's goal to educate and enhance the lives of local communities with interactive, educational programs.

The second program proposed by HARD, the "Hayward Shoreline Educational App", will allow Bay Trail visitors to enhance their knowledge of the San Francisco Bay ecosystem at the Hayward Shoreline. Currently, the Hayward Bay Trail segment of the San Francisco Bay Trail does not yet have such an App available to the Bay Trail users. This App will be placed at specific locations along the Bay Trail and at the Hayward Shoreline Interpretive Center for users to swipe with their smart phones. The information provided via App will depict key details such as the history of salt production, the use of Archimedes Screw pumps, the species native to pickle-weed marshes and mudflats and the impact of rising sea levels to the ecosystem and shoreline infrastructure. The programs developed by HARD will allow it to continue its mission to develop innovative tools and techniques to draw more visitors to its parks and facilities and to, thereby, increase their knowledge of the local ecosystems.

Thank you for your consideration. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me through my District Office at 510-583-8818.

Sincerely,

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BILL QUIRK
Assemblymember - 20th Assembly District

BQ: MH



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PHONE: 415-485-3407

January 19, 2016

State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Fl.
Oakland, CA 94612-2530
Attn: Jeff Melby

Dear Jeff and the Exploring the Coast Review Panel,

As coordinator of the City of San Rafael's Sustainability Program, I would like to offer my strong support for Shore Up Marin's proposal to provide ongoing bay shoreline educational, recreational, and stewardship experiences for residents living in the Canal neighborhood of San Rafael. While the residents of the Canal neighborhood live in close proximity to the Bay, the majority of residents have had little opportunity to experience and learn about this precious resource. In particular, we value the effort that Shore Up will make to provide ongoing experiences for youth related to the shoreline and the watershed.

We also support Shore Up's intention to educate residents about the threats to the health of the water and actions that can be taken to protect the Bay and shore. Our volunteer program has worked closely with Shore Up and other agencies in the past to create partnerships and offer opportunities to serve as stewards through environmental projects, plantings, litter cleanups, and the like, and we look forward helping Shore Up connect residents with other groups we work with.

In addition, public education related to sea level rise impacts is critical to the Canal community, as they reside in a flood zone. Shore Up's efforts will dovetail nicely with our current City efforts to develop a sea level rise vulnerability assessment in coordination with the County of Marin this year.

We look forward to continued work with Shore Up Marin, and encourage the Coastal Conservancy to support their next phase of work to involve Canal Neighborhood and Marin City residents in expanding access to recreational and educational opportunities related to the Bay.

Sincerely,

Cory Bytof, Sustainability and Volunteer Program Coordinator
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January 21, 2016

State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Fl.
Oakland, CA 94612-2530
Attn: Jeff Melby

Dear Jeff and the Exploring the Coast Review Panel,

On behalf of the Marin City Community Services District, I would like to offer our strong support for Shore Up Marin's proposal to provide ongoing bay shoreline educational, recreational, and stewardship experiences for residents living in Marin City. While the residents of the Marin City live in close proximity to the Bay, the majority of residents have had little opportunity to experience this precious resource. In particular, we value the effort that Shore Up will make to provide ongoing experiences for youth on the shoreline and in the water.

We also support Shore Up's intention to educate residents about the threats to the health of the water and actions that can be taken to protect the Bay and shore. Our youth program

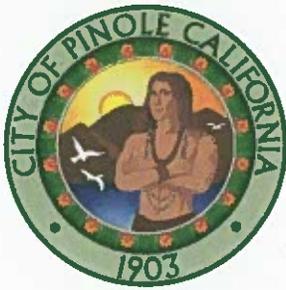
In addition, public education related to sea level rise impacts is critical to the Marin City community, as they reside in a flood zone.

We look forward to continued work with Shore Up Marin, and encourage the Coastal Conservancy to support their next phase of work to involve Canal and Marin City residents in accessing the Bay.

Sincerely,

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Johnathan Logan, General Manager
Marin City Community Services District



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January 14, 2015

Re: NOAA Marine Debris Program Grant

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to express support for the grant proposal for the Marine Debris Prevention through Education and Outreach proposal submitted to the NOAA Marine Debris Program by EarthTeam. This project will support year-long high school after school internships focused on litter reduction outreach and education around the San Francisco Bay in California.

As supporters and host of the annual Pinole Costal Cleanup, we strongly support this proposal and we look forward to working with EarthTeam in the future. EarthTeam helps to give local high school students skills and opportunities to take leadership roles in effecting positive environmental change within the watershed. A grant will allow them to continue to work with Pinole Valley High School educating students to become better stewards of the watershed. EarthTeam has expressed their goal to organize and lead creek and park cleanups in the future which would support the goals of the City of Pinole, the Friends of Pinole Creek and the entire community. EarthTeam is an investment in our future.

EarthTeam is working closely together with California Partnership Academies within each high school as well as a host of partners including East Bay Regional Parks, Litterati and others to support high school watershed leaders and change-makers.

This project demonstrates that working together, we can achieve environmental improvements right in our own backyard, in concert with the ongoing needs of the community. I am pleased to support this watershed education project.

I urge you to grant full support to this important project. I appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Peter Murray
Mayor of the City of Pinole

Lani Alo

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March 3, 2016

Mr. Douglas Bosco
Chairman
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I am writing to offer my strongest recommendation of KIDS for the BAY's application for grant funding from the California Coastal Conservancy's Explore The Coast grant program to support KIDS for the BAY's Watershed Action Program. As president of the KIDS for the BAY Advisory Board and a longtime donor to the organization, I have come to greatly respect the work of this impactful environmental education organization. The brilliance and uniqueness of KIDS for the BAY's leadership is evidenced in its work bringing children into their watershed environment to study nature up close and to help solve local watershed problems. KIDS for the BAY helps unfurl in a child a profound sense of wonder and understanding about the living and urban environment and the connections between them.

As former Senior Program Officer at the San Francisco-based Goldman Environmental Prize, which recognizes global grassroots environmental leadership, I see strong similarities between KIDS for the BAY's impact on protecting creek, bay and ocean habitats by empowering children and the efforts of local leaders in other countries who are working with their own communities to safeguard natural resources.

One of the most meaningful connections a child can have with the larger world happens through directly experiencing their natural environment, and KIDS for the BAY provides a clear path to doing so. Due to rising transportation costs, shrinking public school budgets, and lack of professional development opportunities in environmental education for teachers, it is becoming increasingly difficult for schools to provide this important educational experience. Grant support from the Explore The Coast Fund will help KIDS for the BAY provide valuable environmental education to East Bay school teachers, students, and their family members who would not otherwise have this opportunity.

I encourage you to fund this important project, so that KIDS for the BAY can continue to have a meaningful impact on low-income, urban elementary school communities, local watersheds and coastal ecosystems. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Lani Alo
President, Advisory Board, KIDS for the BAY



Berkeley Unified School District

Berkeley Arts Magnet
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Rene Molina, Principal

March 4, 2016

Mr. Douglas Bosco
Chairman
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Chairman Bosco:

As principal of Berkeley Arts Magnet School, I am very excited for our school to be part of the Watershed Action Program (WAP) with KIDS for the BAY.

I am committed to the WAP because it engages students, parents, and the school community and provides hands-on science education, tools to take action for the environment, and a strong connection with nature. The KIDS for the BAY curriculum is exactly what our students need - more hands-on science, to supplement textbook science. The WAP is hands-on, engaging, real-life learning. This is what education should look like!

The first year of this program, during the 2015 – 2016 school year, has been very valuable for our school community. Parents are actively involved in their children's education, participating as chaperones during clean-up activities, creek restoration projects, and nature Field Trips. We also like the fact that our students are teaching their parents what they learn in the classroom, which ensures that environmental messages reach families as well as students.

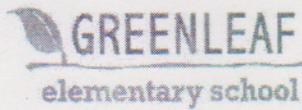
As an elementary school principal, I really appreciate having this professional development opportunity for my teachers. I am excited for them to learn how to use our local watershed as a living laboratory and provide our students with the resources needed to take action for the environment.

I look forward to continuing this program in the 2016 – 2017 school year and I hope that you will fund the WAP to benefit our school community, including students, teachers, parents, and our shared environment.

Sincerely,

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Rene Molina
Principal
Berkeley Arts Magnet



March 2, 2016

Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chairman
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I am writing in strong support of KIDS for the BAY's application for grant funding from the California Coastal Committee's Explore The Coast Fund. The grant funding requested will help fund KIDS for the BAY's highly successful Watershed Action Program (WAP). The WAP has benefited East Bay elementary school students, their teachers, and family members for many years. It has also increased community involvement in the protection and restoration of local watersheds.

As an elementary school teacher working in Oakland and Richmond schools for the past five years, I have seen firsthand the impact of the Watershed Action Program in my classroom. From the highly engaging Classroom Lessons that allow students to investigate and understand our watershed, to the Action Project that helps them become advocates for the environment, KIDS for the BAY is always one of my students' favorite parts of the school year. As a teacher, I love the program because it is an invaluable curricula resource that targets grade-level standards for science and social studies. But most importantly, I've seen my students share what they have learned with our school community and their families with genuine enthusiasm and knowledge.

The Field Trip component of the Watershed Action Program is very important because many of my students do not otherwise have the chance to experience nature up close. Every year, kids are motivated by the Field Trip and come back enthusiastic about what they've been able to apply from their Classroom Lessons.

I had the great luck to have KIDS for the BAY in my classroom my first year teaching, where I was provided with modules for teaching the lessons and had the chance to watch the implementation firsthand in my classroom and in the field. Every year since then, I have taught the Watershed Action Program to my students with the ongoing support of the KIDS for the BAY program staff and the resources they provide.

I encourage you to please fund this important program so that more teachers, elementary school students, and family members from low-income schools will also benefit from this wonderful opportunity. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Annika Rudback
Fourth Grade Teacher
Greenleaf Elementary School



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March 8, 2016

Amy Hutzel
San Francisco Bay Area Conservancy
State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway #1300, Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Amy:

This letter is meant to serve as an official statement of partnership with the East Bay Regional Park District and Golden Gate Audubon (GGAS) and its Eco-Education Program. The East Bay Regional Park District has provided GGAS with the ability to implement the Eco-Education Program at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Regional Shoreline since 1999 and at the Point Pinole Regional Shoreline since 2007, ensuring that students and families of the parks' nearby communities have opportunities for engaging in stewardship activities for the ecosystem in which they reside.

Golden Gate Audubon Society and the students and families that participate in the Eco-Education Program have helped the East Bay Regional Park District with habitat restoration work (planting, weeding and trash removal) that has significantly benefited the park's wildlife. I support their request to receive funding from the Coastal Conservancy's Explore the Coast grant in 2016.

If you need any further information, please contact me at tmargulici@ebparks.org or 510-544-2204.

Sincerely,

Tiffany Margulici
Acting Grants Manager

Cc: Kevin Takei, Ralph Trujillo

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November 4, 2015

Amy Hutzal, Program Manager
State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Fl.
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Re: North Richmond Shoreline Festival

This letter supports the Environmental Justice Coalition for Water’s above-referenced proposal to the State Coastal Conservancy’s Explore the Coast Grant Program (SCC) on behalf of the North Richmond Open Space Alliance.

This proposed project will bring over 1,500 people/year over a three-year period to the Point Pinole Regional Shoreline for a one-day festival that includes environmental education, recreation, entertainment and a free lunch. The East Bay Regional Park District supports the event by providing over 150 hours of staff time at no cost, waiving the picnic site and special event permit fees and donating \$5,000 to the festival budget.

The North Richmond Shoreline Festival will allow more people to explore this beautiful shoreline park, located near the historically under-served communities of Richmond and San Pablo.

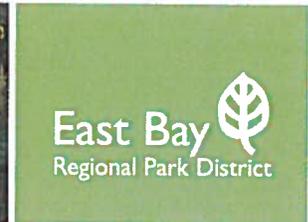
Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have additional questions.

Sincerely,

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January 15, 2016

To the NOAA Marine Debris Program Grants Review Panel:

On behalf of East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD), I am writing this letter supporting Earth Team's project proposal for a Marine Debris grant to fund their Zero Litter Project. The Zero Litter Project is an in-depth, experiential- based marine and litter education and restoration program that empowers youth to take environmental action in their communities.

If the grant is awarded, the East Bay Regional Park District will support Earth Team's efforts by hosting their student groups throughout the 2016-2017 school year at beaches and shorelines for marine debris related education, outreach, restoration, training and data collection activities.

Earth Team will coordinate with the East Bay Regional Park District to host students at marine sites within the following East Bay Regional Parks: Point Pinole, Crown Beach, Oyster Bay, Miller Knox, and Point Isabel. Students will conduct one litter survey at each of the listed sites in the Fall of 2016 and one in the Spring of 2017 as part of ongoing marine debris reduction activities. Earth Team will participate in EBRPD volunteer program and follow EBRPD volunteer procedures and best practices.

Again, we are pleased to support Earth Team's proposal for a NOAA Marine Debris grant to fund the Zero Litter Project, and look forward to working with them in fostering a new generation of environmental leaders.

Sincerely,

Ira Bletz
Regional Interpretive and Recreation Services Manager

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Farallones Marine Sanctuary Association

November 1, 2015

Sherry Lippiatt
California Regional Coordinator
NOAA Marine Debris Program/IMSG
Office of Response and Restoration
Coast Guard Island, BLDG 50-8, Alameda, CA 94501

Dear Miss Lippiatt,

I am writing in support of EarthTeam's ZeroLitter Project to engage high school student interns in service learning projects regarding the issue of marine debris. The Marine Debris – Monitoring and Assessment Project at Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary (GFNMS), in partnership with the Farallones Marine Sanctuary Association and NOAA's Marine Debris Program and Office of Response and Restoration, provides important hands-on marine debris baseline data collection through monthly beach surveys at two locations in Ocean Beach and Drakes Beach within GFNMS. Through the execution of NOAA designed survey protocol the program helps establish information about the frequency, location, and types of debris along the sanctuary shoreline, while providing important education and outreach about the scope of the marine debris problem along our shores. The program also has potential regional and national implications by informing the design of future marine debris monitoring programs, facilitating allocation of limited funding for marine debris mitigation efforts, and improving beach habitat/resources through data sharing with partnering beach managers such as the National Park Service and State Parks.

In addition to data collection and debris removal, a priority of the GFNMS Marine Debris Program is to engage local stakeholders and residents. Therefore, a partnership with EarthTeam's ZeroLitter project and participation of high school interns from Title 1 public schools, will be a huge asset to this program. Student participation in this program will instill a sense of stewardship for marine ecosystems and help broaden youth understanding of the importance of national marine sanctuaries in addressing the issue of marine debris. Student participation will also establish a concrete understanding of how the actions in their neighborhoods connect with and impact the marine life that lives downstream from them. Direct hands-on debris and data collection will offer a unique learning experience to these underserved students, while providing them an opportunity to immerse themselves in the beauty of the sanctuary and marine ecosystems. Through a partnership with GFNMS and EarthTeam we can engage youth about the impacts of marine debris on habitat, water quality, and marine life, which is critical for spreading awareness and reducing the problem.

The Farallones Marine Sanctuary Association strongly urges support of EarthTeam and the ZeroLitter project. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Chris Kelly, Executive Director
Farallones Marine Sanctuary Association



Galileo Academy of Science & Technology

1150 Francisco Street
San Francisco, CA 94109

January 15, 2016

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

Dear Mr. Bosco,

Galileo Academy of Science and Technology is pleased to submit this letter of support for Project WISE (Watersheds Inspiring Student Education), a program of the Crissy Field Center of the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy. We have been proud of the partnership between our school and Project WISE and since the program's inception in 2001. We understand that WISE has submitted a proposal to Explore the Coast program, and we strongly support this action.

Galileo Academy of Science and Technology, a San Francisco Unified School District high school, has greatly benefited from the strong integration of the WISE program's curriculum with our own, and this collaboration successfully demonstrates the facilitation of relevant and engaging curriculum while meeting the Advanced Placement Environmental Science criteria. Galileo actively promotes partnerships within the community, and our partnership with the Crissy Field Center is valued for the time and commitment that the Center staff brings to the program and the transformation we see with our students.

Thank you for or your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Lisa Franzen
AP Environmental Science Teacher
Galileo Academy of Science and Technology
San Francisco Unified School District



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March 2, 2016

Mr. Douglas Bosco
Chairman
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

To Whom It May Concern:

Re: Friends of Sausal Creek Application Letter of Support

We are pleased to write this letter of support for the Friends of Sausal Creek (FOSC) for their Explore the Coast Grant program application. As the president and founding / managing editor of Nomadic Press, a literary and arts non profit with one location in the lower Sausal Creek Watershed in Oakland, CA, I am personally quite excited about this new field-trip program for students from schools near the mouth of Sausal Creek. Little Nomad, the children's book imprint of Nomadic Press, is the publisher for *I Am Sausal Creek / Soy el Arroyo Sausal* by Melissa Reyes (2015), the first bilingual children's picture book to tell the story of Oakland through the voice of Sausal Creek. We are delighted that this book will introduce students to the local geography prior to their field trip experience.

We believe that community involvement is an integral part of our organization's responsibility. Shortly after opening our Oakland Workspace in Fruitvale, we sought to adopt a nearby parcel at E. 22nd Street and Sausal Creek so that we could lead volunteer workdays at the site. We worked closely with FOSC staff to figure out the proper contacts, and in November 2014, we led the first workday on this special piece of county land, which is behind a locked gate. Unfortunately, the site adoption has been rescinded because of county concerns about potential volunteer access to adjacent privately owned parcels, but FOSC and Nomadic Press are continuing to strategize on ways to reopen this site to community volunteerism in the very near future. We hope that this site will soon be a spot where students can hear the creek, touch the water, listen to the birds, and really get the connection between their local creek, the estuary, and the ocean.

Thank you for considering FOSC's application. If you wish to contact me, I can be reached at [\(347\) 844-0481](tel:3478440481) or jkfowler@nomadicpress.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. K. Fowler', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

J. K. Fowler
President/Founding and Managing Editor, Nomadic Press



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February 3, 2013

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

Dear Mr. Bosco,

I am writing with enthusiastic support for the Bay Area Outreach & Recreation Program's (BORP) **Outdoor Coastal Access For Individuals with Disabilities Project** which was recently recommended for funding as part of the California Coastal Conservancy's Explore the Coast program. The Project will make it possible for people with physical disabilities to experience coastal recreation and environmental education experiences similar to those available to people without disabilities. California has greatly improved coastal access in the last decade through the creation and improvement of bicycle and pedestrian trails, accompanying interpretive facilities and wildlife viewing areas. These trails and park resources provide many opportunities for individuals and families to experience, enjoy, and learn about California's coastal resources and the importance of protection and conservation.

Until recently, people with physical disabilities such as paralysis, blindness, cerebral palsy, and other mobility impairments were not able to fully experience California's many coastal resources. Wheelchairs can be challenging to use on long grades and variable path conditions and interpretive and wildlife viewing facilities are sometimes a long distance from parking and access areas. With an increased number of accessible trails and paths people with disabilities can enjoy the California's coast with the proper programmatic support. The **Outdoor Coastal Access For Individuals with Disabilities Project** will provide this support and enable hundreds of people with disabilities to take advantage of the new accessibility features that are now part of our coastal parks system.

BORP, now celebrating its 40th anniversary, will provide a series of accessible outdoor recreation opportunities on sections of the California Coast; and provide adaptive cycling trips on portions of the San Francisco Bay and California Coastal Trails. Explore the Coast grant funding from the California Coastal Conservancy will enable this project to move forward and helps BORP build on its successful outdoor recreation programming to offer new opportunities to individuals with physical disabilities.

Sincerely,

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January 25, 2016

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Dear Chair Bosco:

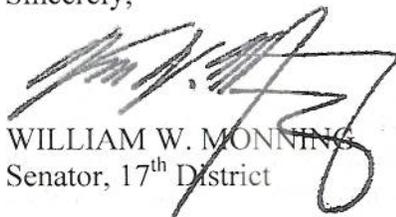
This letter is to express my support for Save Our Shores' application for a \$50,000 Explore the Coast grant for its Marine Education and Outreach Program.

Save Our Shores' Marine Education and Outreach Program is in partnership with the Department of Parks and Recreation interpretive staff and provides hands-on activities for high school students through educational trips to Elkhorn Slough and state park beaches along the Monterey Bay. The requested grant funds by Save Our Shores would be used to expand the current Program to the Pajaro Valley and North Monterey County Unified School Districts, and allow high school students that live the closest to Elkhorn Slough and the Pajaro River to learn about these areas.

The Marine Education and Outreach Program has a history of providing environmental stewardship education to high school students and I ask that you give all due consideration to Save Our Shores' application for Explore the Coast grant funds.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,


WILLIAM W. MONNING
Senator, 17th District

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February 17, 2016

Doug Bosco, Chair
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, #1300
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Dear Chair Bosco:

This letter is to express my support for the Morro Bay National Estuary Program's request for a \$13,598 Explore the Coast grant to develop an Explore the Coast: Adventures in Morro Bay web application (App).

The Morro Bay National Estuary Program (MBNEP) is a nonprofit organization focused on the research, protection and restoration of the Morro Bay Estuary. The grant funds requested would be used to develop an App that would provide interactive, interpretive content specific to Morro Bay and Los Osos and include activities, videos and diagrams to engage the user in exploring the Estuary, as well as convey messages about basic coastal science and promote resource stewardship.

The Morro Bay Estuary attracts a large number of visitors due to its unique natural environments. The Morro Bay National Estuary Program's development of a web application will allow guests to access information about the natural history, culture and dynamic environment of this beautiful coastline and I ask that you give all due consideration to its request for an Explore the Coast grant.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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January 25, 2016

Honorable Doug Bosco, Chair
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
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Dear Chair Bosco:

This letter is to express my support for O'Neill Sea Odyssey's application for a \$10,000 Explore the Coast grant to support its Transportation for Ocean Stewards Program.

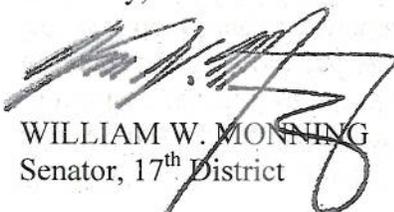
The O'Neill Sea Odyssey (OSO) provides a free, ocean-based science and environmental education program for elementary school students, and the Ocean Stewards Program enables fourth through sixth-grade students to receive hands-on lessons about the marine habitat and the importance of the sea and watersheds, while aboard a 65-foot catamaran sailing on the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary. The one-day catamaran field trip is supplemented with follow-up lessons at OSO's shore-side education center.

Low income students from Santa Clara, San Benito, Monterey and Santa Cruz counties, as well as students with cognitive and/or physical disabilities, are served by the Ocean Stewards Program and grant funds would be used to provide bus transportation to Santa Cruz Harbor for students in this large geographic area.

The Ocean Stewards Program has a history of providing hands-on education about environmental stewardship and leadership skills to low income, at risk and underserved youth, and I ask that you give all due consideration to the O'Neill Sea Odyssey's request for an Explore the Coast grant.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,


WILLIAM W. MONNING
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February 16, 2016

Doug Bosco, Chair
California Coast Conservancy
1330 Broadway, #1300
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Dear Chair Bosco:

This letter is to express my support for the Ventana Wildlife Society's application for a \$32,422 Explore the Coast grant for its Coastal Adventure Program.

The Ventana Wildlife Society's Coastal Adventure Program focuses on providing coastal access and meaningful outdoor experiences to underserved youth who would not otherwise have this opportunity.

The requested grant funds would enable the Ventana Wildlife Society to expand its current Coastal Adventure Program and provide eight weeks of day camps and a weekly overnight camp-out to underserved young people, and focus coastal ecology education in the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary.

The Coastal Adventure Program has a history of increasing awareness and fostering future stewards of our environment, and I respectfully request that you give all due consideration to the Ventana Wildlife Society's request for an Explore the Coast grant.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM W. MONNING
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January 25, 2016

Honorable Doug Bosco, Chair
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
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Dear Chair Bosco:

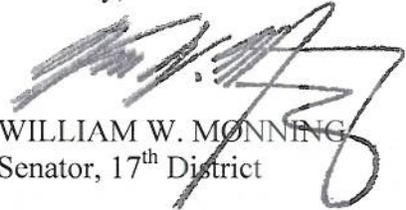
This letter is to express my support for the City of Watsonville Public Works Conservation Academy's application for a \$27,986 Explore the Coast grant to support its I ♥ Healthy Coast Program.

The City of Watsonville Public Works Conservation Academy operates the I ♥ Healthy Coast Program, which is focused on the impacts of wastewater and recycling on water quality. The requested grant funds would be used to expand the current Program and bring more than 3,800 Watsonville students and 500 adult family members to the beach to educate them about the impacts of their daily activities on the marine ecosystem, as well as foster a sense of ocean stewardship in the participants.

The City of Watsonville Public Works Conservation Academy's I ♥ Healthy Coast Program encourages environmental stewardship and leadership skills among low income, at risk and underserved youth and their families, and I ask that you give all due consideration to it request for an Explore the Coast grant.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,


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February 17, 2016

Doug Bosco, Chair
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, #1300
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Dear Chair Bosco:

This letter is to express my support for the Friends of Fiscalini Ranch Preserve's request for a \$925 Explore the Coast grant for its Exploring and Stewarding project.

The Friends of Fiscalini Ranch Preserve is a nonprofit organization that protects and maintains Fiscalini Ranch through conservation efforts. The requested grants funds would be used to organize a one-day field trip for low-income, ethnically diverse high school students from San Luis Obispo County to explore Fiscalini Ranch. Students will be introduced to the unique coastal ecosystems, keystone species and historic Chumash habitat.

The Friends of the Fiscalini Ranch Preserve Exploring and Stewarding project will provide a unique educational opportunity San Luis Obispo County high school students and I ask that you give all due consideration to their request for an Explore the Coast grant.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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March 7, 2016

Don Bosco, Chair
California State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway #1300
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RE: Letter of support for Save Our Shores Explore the Coast grant proposal

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I write in strong support of the application submitted by Save Our Shores for funding as part of the State Coastal Conservancy's Explore the Coast grant program. Award of this grant would support a two-year expansion of a marine education program Save Our Shores piloted last year in the Pajaro Valley Unified School District.

I understand the pilot year was a tremendous success for both students and teachers at 22 schools and resulted in another 70 schools requesting to be including in their education program. Fostering early stewardship of our coastal resources is the key to a lifetime of respect and care for our fragile coast.

With funding from Explore the Coast, Save Our Shores has shared that they will be able to reach over 2,000 students and their families in both the Pajaro Valley and the North Monterey County Unified School Districts. Many of these students are considered at-risk or underserved.

For close to 40 years, Save Our Shores has been a staunch defender of our coast. Whether educating people about Marine Protected Areas, advocating for plastic pollution reduction, or recruiting and managing thousands of volunteers for coastal cleanup campaigns, Save Our Shores has played a critical role in ensuring that the Monterey Bay remains a coastal treasure for future generations.

Thank you for your consideration of this very worth organization and project. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Mark Stone
Assemblymember
Twenty-Ninth District

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February 28, 2016

Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chairman
State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612
Attention: Laura Cholodenko

Dear Mr. Bosco;

I am writing you to express my strong support of National Marine Sanctuary Foundation's application for grant funding as part of the Coastal Conservancy's Explore the Coast grant program.

The Conservancy's Explore the Coast grant program provides support to a wide range of nonprofit and public agency projects that facilitate and enhance the public's opportunities to explore California's coastline.

As the state Senator representing more than 120 miles of coastline from Oxnard through the Central Coast, I appreciate how the Coastal Conservancy's program actively supports more people from all backgrounds exploring California's spectacular coast, improves visitor experiences, and helps the public learn about natural, recreational, cultural and historic resources of the coast. Projects funded by the Conservancy through Explore the Coast can foster a meaningful sense of connection between our people and the invaluable coastal and marine resources that are our shared inheritance.

National Marine Sanctuary Foundation's *Multicultural Education for Resources and Issues Threatening Oceans* program will implement a bilingual Earth and ocean sciences education program at the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary in Ventura County.

This project presents an exciting opportunity for citizens of the 19th Senate District to become more closely connected with our region's coastal resources and better understand current issues and opportunities along our coastline.

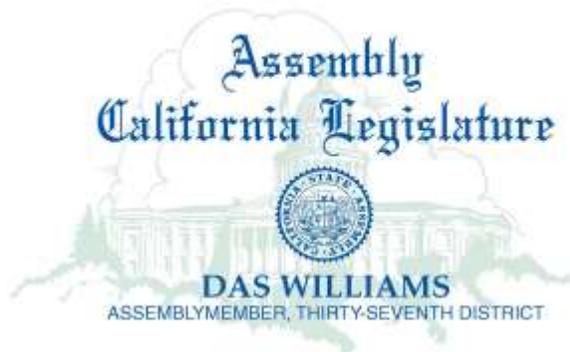
Thank you for your consideration of this funding request and for increasing coastal access for Californians.

Sincerely,

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HANNAH-BETH JACKSON
State Senator, 19th District

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March 2, 2016

Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chairman
State Coastal Conservancy
Attention: Laura Cholodenko
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Bosco,

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As an Assemblymember, I appreciate how the Coastal Conservancy's program actively supports more people from all backgrounds exploring California's spectacular coast, improves visitor experiences, and helps the public learn about natural, recreational, cultural and historic resources of the coast. Projects funded by the Conservancy through Explore the Coast can foster a meaningful sense of connection between our citizens and the invaluable coastal and marine resources that are our shared inheritance.

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This project presents an exciting opportunity for District 37 residents to become more closely connected with our region's coastal resources and better understand current issues and opportunities along our coastline.

Thank you for your consideration of this funding request and for increasing coastal access for Californians.

Sincerely,

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DAS WILLIAMS
Assemblymember, 37th District

Exhibit 3: Project Letters



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January 12, 2016

The Honorable Doug Bosco, Chair
Board of Directors
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway #1300
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Chair Bosco:

As Mayor of the City of Santa Cruz, I am writing in strong support of the grant request by O'Neill Sea Odyssey (OSO) for \$10,000 for "Transportation for Ocean Stewards." The funds will support bus transportation for lower-income school classes from throughout Central California, so that they can participate in OSO's free, ocean-going science and environmental education program for 4th-6th grade students, which is based at the Santa Cruz Harbor.

While many schools can access safe bus transportation to get students to OSO's location at the Santa Cruz Harbor, many cannot pay for it. This grant request will support bus scholarships for at least 15 school classes, or up to 450 students, to participate in OSO's program.

Teachers who apply to OSO under the "Transportation Scholarships" section of OSO's website are guided by OSO's Education Coordinator to select the most affordable bus available, and OSO will reimburse the school district. OSO encourages classes from the same school to come the same day and share a bus, saving money.

The criteria to determine eligibility are: a) schools with the highest percentage of free/reduced lunch subsidies have top priority, and b) schools with logistical challenges in arranging transportation have the next priority. Conservancy funds will be used for the former category. The scholarships will be provided to school districts to directly pay invoices for bus transportation. In the fiscal year (and school year) that ended on June 30, 2015, OSO spent \$33,615.86 on bus transportation for 67 classes, an average of \$501.73 per class, during a year in which it served a total of 207 classes, or 5,515 students.

Thank you for your consideration of my strong support for the grant request for "Transportation for Ocean Stewards," and for O'Neill Sea Odyssey, which has served 85,000 students since 1996.

Sincerely,

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Cynthia Mathews
Mayor



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March 3, 2016

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Douglas Bosco, Chair
State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
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Dear Mr. Bosco,

My name is John Warner and I am the Arroyo Hondo Preserve Manager. I am writing to you to express my support of the Kids in Nature 2 (KIN²) program.

The Santa Barbara Land Trust provides oversight of Arroyo Hondo Preserve, which is a magnificent canyon on the Gaviota Coast and home to thousands of plant and animal species. Active restoration takes place on the preserve and we receive visits from approximately 25 school groups each calendar year.

I have worked with the Kids in Nature program for the last 7 years and KIN² for the last year and feel like both programs support and promote the goals of the State Coastal Conservancy Explore the Coast Grant through teaching about the steelhead trout life cycle, fish passage leading to and from the ocean and importance of the clean and healthy riparian corridor.

After receiving training from the Arroyo Hondo Education Coordinator, the UCSB, KIN² undergraduates who were the teachers and mentors for 4-6th grade students led small group hikes. The UCSB undergraduates taught the 4-6th grade students about the steelhead trout, invertebrate species residing in and around the creek, birds and reptiles; the health of the stream through water testing and observation; as well as some general history of the Preserve and its importance within the entire watershed.

600 students and 22 teachers, from 12 of schools and approximately 30 undergraduate students took part in the KIN² program last year with 8 of the 17 trips taking place at Arroyo Hondo Preserve.

Sincerely,



John Warner

January 20, 2016

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Letter of Support for Grant Application – Explore the Coast Web App: Adventures in Morro Bay

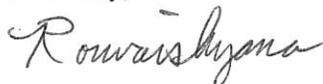
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This project will support the efforts of the Morro Bay State Park Museum of Natural History to educate visitors about how to preserve and protect the environment and all its living creatures with a fun, hands-on approach. At Morro Bay State Park Museum of Natural History, we provide current scientific information related to the estuary and bay ecosystems in an engaging learning environment. The information we provide visitors will support and reinforce the proposed web app content, and vice versa. A number of the 12 points of interest proposed in the grant application are places that the Museum docents bring visitors for educational walks (including Morro Rock, Windy Cove, Black Hill, and others). Visitors drawn to the area by the web app content can benefit from more educational activities and content from the Museum.

We have a long-standing and productive partnership with the Morro Bay National Estuary Program and together have produced exhibits, activities, events and educational materials that further the mission of both organizations. The Morro Bay National Estuary Program is an effective organization that will carry out this grant with careful consideration of the science as well as the educational interests of the intended audience.

Sincerely,



Rouvaishyana

Manager, Morro Bay State Park Museum of Natural History



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March 10, 2016

Douglas Bosco, Chair of the Conservancy
California State Coastal Conservancy
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Dear Chairman Bosco:

I am writing in support of awarding an Explore the Coast Grant to the California Coastal Trail Association for development of content for the Conservancy's soon to be released ETC smartphone "app". In addition to content development this project will be a multimedia outreach campaign focused on generating widespread public awareness of the California Coastal Trail.

The Coastal Conservancy, with participation from the CCTA, has been working to develop a smart phone "app" that will guide the public to the Coastal Trail and provide compelling information about activities and amenities along the Trail. This project will produce approximately 100 georeferenced points of interest including information about activities along the trail, thereby contributing a significant quantity of statewide quality content for the app. In a nutshell, this project will significantly add to the breadth of content available to the public within the app.

This project addresses three Explore the Coast program priorities:

- It provides a valuable recreational, environmental, cultural, or historic learning experience
- It increases stewardship of coastal resources
- It enhances the public's coastal experience in a way that does not currently exist.

Although the CCTA is a new organization, it already attracted all fifteen coastal county governments to become Charter members. This shows that the CCT enjoys wide geographic support and that local government wants to fully participate in ensuring the Trail's future. The content from this project will serve to promote the local economies of CCTA members, as well as inform the public of recreational opportunities, and attract visitors, so we enthusiastically support this project!

Thank you for considering funding for this important program that is vital to the California Coastal Trail's future.

Sincerely,

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Shelly Higginbotham
Mayor



COMMITTEE FOR
GREEN FOOTHILLS

October 13, 2015

Douglas Bosco, Chairman
Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Friends,

I am writing to enthusiastically support Vida Verde Nature Education's application to the California Coastal Conservancy's Explore the Coast grants program. Vida Verde's programs for low-income, urban Bay Area youth promote stewardship of coastal habitats through high-quality, hands-on educational programming along the San Mateo County coast and are strongly aligned with the goals of the Explore the Coast grants program.

Vida Verde's programs are specifically tailored to have a powerful, lasting impact on the low-income students they serve – most of whom have never seen the ocean before, despite living just 20 or 30 minutes away. Having experienced their programs firsthand, and having seen programs that serve the same neighborhoods but which fail to reach the students, I can attest to the efficacy of their approach: instead of battling discipline problems, they are able to utilize a positive behavior management approach which excites and empowers the students, minimizes disruptive behavior, and thus enables them to spend their time engaged in positive, nature-based learning.

During their three-day program, the students spend several hours at one or more state beaches exploring and learning about marsh, tidepool, and sandy beach habitats. The first-time exposure and discovery-based educational content combine to bring the natural history of the coast and ocean to life for the students. As the activities lead into removing shoes and socks and playing "wave tag" and touching the ocean for the first time, the children's connection to the outdoors grows by the minute. The Vida Verde program staff are clear with their students that the public lands they are visiting are theirs to visit, and are also their responsibility to steward and protect.

As a lifelong advocate for the California coast, and strong believer in the power of education and exposure to nature to encourage the next generation of environmental stewards, I believe that a grant to Vida Verde Nature Education would help the California Coastal Conservancy achieve its goal of supporting strong youth programs focused on marine and coastal education and stewardship, especially for low-income and underserved populations. I strongly support their application.

Sincerely,

Lennie Roberts, San Mateo County Legislative Advocate
Committee for Green Foothills



Brenda Tuohy
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Douglas Bosco, Chairman
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January 15, 2016

Dear Mr. Bosco and the California Coastal Conservancy,

I am writing this letter of support to urge you to give Vida Verde Nature Education the highest consideration for the California Coastal Conservancy's grant. I work as an Elementary Science Specialist in the Oakland Unified School District. In my 12 year career as a science educator in high-poverty public schools, I have worked with dozens of science museums, outdoor education programs, and science outreach organizations across the greater San Francisco Bay Area. There is no other program that compares to Vida Verde. Vida Verde is the only one I volunteer my time with and encourage friends and family to support.

Vida Verde is unique in that it exclusively serves children from urban, under-resourced schools. While other programs may offer scholarships to low-income students, Vida Verde's specialization has enabled it to tailor its program to the unique social-emotional and learning needs of low-income, urban students. There are the supports that are easy to spot - a tuition-free program, a high adult-to-student ratio, the nutritious food, and extra jackets for students who may not have their own. Then there are the supports that are less obvious - the instructional strategies used to support English Language Learners, the behavior management rooted in positive reinforcement, and even the design of the 3-day program itself. The program is structured very intentionally, so that students experience success the entire time. Vida Verde does this by sequencing activities in order of increasing difficulty. Students' reactions are anticipated and their challenges are preempted. Whether supporting students on a night-time solo hike, or milking a goat, each experience is carefully scaffolded so that every student experiences success. As a result, they gain confidence - which stays with them, even as they return to school.

Another strength of Vida Verde's educational program is the way environmental and science learning is linked to students' life experiences. At Vida Verde, as students participate in hands-on learning in different environments - in a redwood forest, at a farm, and at the Pacific Ocean, they learn about ways that humans impact the environment - both positively and negatively. One example occurs at an unexpected time - as students are finishing up a picnic lunch at the Vida Verde farm, students are taught about landfills - how waste doesn't disappear; it's relocated. Then, students talk about the choices they have to make with the packages from their lunches -



whether to put them in the trash, recycling bin, compost bucket, or take home with them to reuse. The students sort through the waste from their lunches, emboldened with the knowledge that the choices they make affects the environment.

This newfound sense of purpose doesn't end when students get on the bus and head home. The students carry the lessons they learn at Vida Verde and bring them back to their home communities. I had one student who was so emboldened by the idea that every day people throw away goods that could be reused, that he brought his idea to the Student Council. Later that year, he led the Student Council in organizing a school-wide "Book and Toy Swap," in which students could donate toys and books they had outgrown to other students in the school. Shortly thereafter, the parents in the school organized a Uniform Exchange, in which parents could donate school uniform items that their kids had outgrown to other families. Both of these programs continue at the school, years later. Another student had her first experience with large animals when she took a goat on a hike a Vida Verde. Now, years later, as a high school student, she volunteers at the Oakland Zoo. She works as a docent and teaches a new generation of elementary students about animals and conservation. I work with families who frequent the farmer's market to buy organic produce because their fourth graders taught them how pesticides spread through a watershed and affect native plants and animals. I know families who have started hiking and camping because their fourth graders begged them to do so after returning from Vida Verde. I even know one mother whose daughter made her kiss a banana slug.

The impact of Vida Verde on students is profound. The impact is deep, lasting, and doesn't end with the students who get to attend a 3-day Vida Verde program. The impact spreads through their families and their communities.

I know of no other science or environmental program that deserves continued support more than Vida Verde. Please give them your full consideration.

Sincerely,

Brenda Tuohy
Elementary Science Specialist
Oakland Unified

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Douglas Bosco, Chairman
Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th floor
Oakland, CA 94612

January 28, 2016

Dear Mr. Bosco and the California Coastal Conservancy,

I am writing to support Vida Verde Nature Education's application to the California Coastal Conservancy's Explore the Coast grants program. I have worked with Vida Verde's organization for 10 years in my positions as the San Mateo County Parks Director and Assistant County Manager. Vida Verde's programs are designed to have a powerful, lasting impact on the low- income Bay Area students they serve. Many of these young people have never seen the ocean before, despite living just a few miles from the coast.

Shawn and Laura Sears, as co-founders, have developed dynamic programs that promote stewardship of coastal habitats through high-quality, hands-on educational programming along the San Mateo County coast, and support the goals of the Explore the Coast grants program. Having worked with them over the last 10 years, I have seen the successes of their program introducing young people to the wonders of the coast, and most importantly to the need for being good stewards of our natural environment. I have seen the excitement as they engage the students through the empowerment of positive, nature-based learning.

The Vida Verde program staff instill a clear understanding with their students that the public lands they are visiting are theirs to visit, and are also their responsibility to steward and protect. I believe education and exposure to nature is the most effective approach in recruiting the next generation of environmental stewards, I know that a grant to Vida Verde Nature Education would help the California Coastal Conservancy achieve its goal of supporting strong youth programs focused on marine and coastal education and stewardship. I strongly support Vida Verde's application for the California Coastal Conservancy's Explore the Coast grants program

Sincerely,

/David G. Holland/

David G. Holland
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Dr. Bruce Harter, Superintendent

Alison Evert, Principal

Douglas Bosco, Chairman
Coastal Conservancy
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January 21, 2016

Dear Mr. Bosco and the California Coastal Conservancy:

My name is Andre Brunetti, and I am a teacher at César Chávez Elementary School. For the last ten years, I have taken my fourth grade students to an incredible outdoor education program called Vida Verde. I am writing this letter in an effort to convey to you how impactful the Vida Verde experience is.

Our school is located in the inner city of Richmond, and it is considered a Title 1 school because over 90% of the students receive free and/or reduced lunch. The population of our school is mostly Latino with African American, Pilipino, and Mien students as well. Although the students live relatively close to nature, many of them have never even seen the Pacific Ocean nor gone camping. This all changes when we go to Vida Verde.

Over the last ten years, I have had the pleasure of watching the organization grow and evolve into an amazing three day, two night program where students learn about the coast, the redwood forest, farm animals, and more. Most importantly, they learn a great deal about themselves and their connection with each other and the world. They are taught to always be positive, encouraged to try new things, question as they explore, and be respectful of all living and nonliving things in nature. These are the core values transmitted by the phenomenal Vida Verde staff that bring an intangible, yet amazing energy, and envelope all who partake in the experience.

It is great to see the students discover so much about nature and science, and even learn how they can help the environment. When we go to the coast, students learn geography. Maps become alive, and they can see with their own eyes where the western land ends and the water begins. They see firsthand the power of the ocean as they observe the eroding cliffs on which we stand. They are fully engaged as they explore tide pools and learn about all of the creatures that live there. The excitement is contagious as a new discovery is made. It is common to hear students yell out their find, and see other students scamper to check it out.

I am elated as I live vicariously through the students' experiences. I imagine what it must be like for them seeing the mighty Pacific for the first time, or feeling the fine sand between their toes. It takes me back to my first memories of the ocean and the coast, and I am reminded of the impact of this trip

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on our students and of its importance. Every year has been an extremely fulfilling, wonderful, communal, learning experience that leaves the students wanting more, and talking about Vida Verde for years to come. Frequently, I run into former students and they always bring up the “amazing”

Vida Verde trip. Furthermore, often a sibling or relative of a former student will ask enthusiastically about the much anticipated upcoming trip.

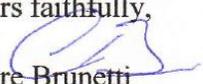
The Vida Verde staff are amazing educators. Not only are their lessons carefully crafted and coordinated with our Common Core State Standards, but they also extend to social responsibility. For example, they teach students: how the tide is influenced by the moon, how we can make a difference by taking care of our beaches and marine animals by being conscientious about our trash and not wasting water, and how they can be stewards of nature and inform their community members about not dumping oil or other toxins down storm drains. They can see for themselves how rivers enter the ocean and connect how pollutants can harm it.

Vida Verde incorporates learning through the use of all of the five senses. During our time by the coast, students explore debris on the beach barefoot; they sit in a tree, at times in silence, and just listen to nature. Other times, they note the smells of the briny air and of some of the native plants, like yarrow leaves. They even taste other edible plants. In addition, they feel the cool water in a game of wave tag, and they visit two beaches and learn why the sands are very different.

Each year has been remarkable and wonderful in a unique way. Apart from having a great time learning, students develop life skills such as responsibility, cooperation and time management by planning, cooking, and cleaning together. The trip transforms them. I have heard many a testimony from parents that their children have returned home to teach them new things; they are more helpful; and they have become more environmentally aware. Vida Verde is truly a remarkable experience started and fostered by an amazing group of people. If only the Vida Verde model was the paradigm for the way all educators teach children!

In closing, I hope that I have successfully imparted how meaningful Vida Verde is in serving and educating youth such as our students at Cesar Chavez Elementary. The program is exceptional, and I have seen the incredible affect it has made on all those who are fortunate enough to have been a part of it. Please feel free to contact me if I can be of any further assistance in answering your questions.

Yours faithfully,


Andre Brunetti
5th and 6th Grade Instructor
César Chávez Elementary

Cc Alison Evert (Principal)



SMALL WILDERNESS AREA PRESERVATION

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January 14, 2016

Doug Bosco, Chair
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Letter of Support for Grant Application – Explore the Coast Web App: Adventures in Morro Bay

Dear Mr. Bosco,

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The project will support the efforts of the Small Wilderness Area Preservation group (SWAP) to encourage visitors to come to the Elfin Forest, and to help them appreciate the rare coastal habitats that exist there. The app content could also be used during docent-led hikes through the preserve. By increasing visitors' interaction with, and appreciation for, the Elfin Forest and other local points of interest, this project will help people see the value in conserving and restoring our coastline.

We have a long-standing and productive partnership with the Morro Bay National Estuary Program. Together, we have collaborated on activities and educational events that further the mission of both organizations. The Morro Bay National Estuary Program is an effective organization that will carry out this grant with careful consideration of the science as well as the educational interests of the intended audience.

Sincerely,

Ron Rasmussen, Chair, Small Wilderness Area Preservation

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Clifford Elementary School, Redwood City School District, **Principal**–Mr. Josh Swerdlow, **Assistant Principal**–Mr. Jude Noyes
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March 2, 2016

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

Dear Mr. Bosco:

It is my pleasure to write this letter in support of Marine Science Institute's application to the Explore the Coast grant program. Clifford Elementary is one of the most ethnically and economically diverse schools in San Mateo County, serving prekindergarten through 8th grade students. Our mission is for students at Clifford to demonstrate the knowledge, skills, competency, and self-esteem to achieve fulfilling personal lives and careers. Empowered with a unique identity, they will possess confidence, discipline, leadership, and productivity that will enable them to become contributing citizens in a democratic society.

At Clifford Elementary, we have a strong and rigorous, standards based curriculum. As a public school, Clifford does not have the budget –even with funds raised by our excellent Parent Teacher Organization – to pay for personnel, equipment, and supplies necessary to deliver all of the high quality science education that our students need and deserve access to in order to have the fulfilling personal lives and careers it is our mission to help them achieve. This is why we need Marine Science Institute's hands-on science education programs. Their instructors and curriculum develop fundamental science skills and knowledge in an engaging and accessible way. Their programs help us meet Next Generation Science Standards and Common Core State Standards. The resources they provide as part of their programs enrich our teachers' background knowledge in science and provide activities that our teachers can run in their classrooms before and after Marine Science Institute instructors work with our students.

Among our student population are families who face barriers to experiencing nature beyond their urban environment. Forty-three percent of our students are enrolled in the Federal Free and Reduced Price Meals program, an indicator of socioeconomic disadvantage. On behalf of a school that will benefit from the Discover the Bay and Coast programs proposed in their application to the Coastal Conservancy Explore the Coast grant program, I wholeheartedly express my recommendation of Marine Science Institute to the grant committee. Without this support, we could not otherwise provide these science-based experiences on the bay and coast for our students. Without this support, some of our students would not have any experience of the bay or coast.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration,

Sincerely,

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Josh Swerdlow
Principal

Guadalupe Union School District

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March 8, 2016

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

Dear Chairman Douglas Bosco:

I am writing this letter to express my support of the Guadalupe Nipomo Dunes Center.

The THRIVE Guadalupe FSC has been providing educational and family support services to the Guadalupe community since 1994. Our goals include efforts to improve the health and welfare of children and their families in order that they might succeed academically and socially. The TGFSC is the only health and human services agency in the City of Guadalupe that provides a variety of bi-cultural and bilingual services to children and families that are classified high risk.

As Program Manager of the THRIVE Guadalupe Union School Districts, Family Service Center, and Board Member of the Guadalupe Nipomo Dunes Center, I recognize the need for child-related projects that help children discover how human actions impact the coastal environment and how they can positively impact ecosystems through habitat restoration. In addition, I have had the opportunity to observe firsthand the high quality services, dedication and the professionalism that have become a standard for their programs.

I have participated in many partnerships with the Nipomo Dunes Center and know that they are an organization of integrity, hard work and vision. Their focus on the counties of San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara also puts services where they are needed most. I give the Center my highest recommendation and I hope you will support their efforts now and in the future.

We request your careful consideration as you review The GNDC's application for funding. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter and please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Alma Hernandez de Wilson
THRIVE Guadalupe
Program Manager

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March 4, 2016

Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chairman
State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612
Attn: Laura Cholodenko

Dear Mr. Bosco:

I am writing you to express my strong support of Children's Maritime Foundation and Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy's applications for grant funding as part of the Coastal Conservancy's Explore the Coast grant program.

The Conservancy's Explore the Coast grant program provides support to a wide range of nonprofit and public agency projects that facilitate and enhance the public's opportunities to explore California's coastline.

As an Assembly member, I appreciate how the Coastal Conservancy's program actively supports more people from all backgrounds exploring California's spectacular shoreline, improves visitor experiences, and helps the public learn about natural, recreational, cultural and historic resources of the coast. Projects funded by the Conservancy through Explore the Coast can foster a meaningful sense of connection between our citizens and the invaluable coastal and marine resources that are our shared inheritance.

Children's Maritime Foundation's *Long Beach Watershed and Marine Science Program* includes a 30-day curriculum covering ocean-related ecosystems, food chains, human impacts, pollution, and water management. Instruction will be delivered by classroom teachers and will include a hands-on lab conducted during a sailing trip on the tallship American Pride docked in Rainbow Harbor in the City of Long Beach.

Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy's *Junior Naturalist Program* will support the participation of over 3,600 1st-5th grade students from low-income families that attend Title 1 schools during the 2016-19 school years to guided, hands-on science field trips to coastal sage scrub habitat overlooking the Pacific Ocean at White Point Nature Education Center Preserve.

These projects present exciting opportunities for District 70 citizens to become more closely connected with our region's coastal resources and better understand current issues and opportunities along our coastline.

Thank you for your consideration of this funding request and for increasing coastal access for Californians.

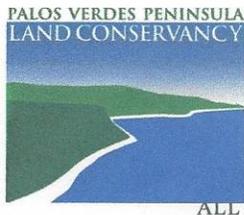
Sincerely,

Patrick O'Donnell
Assemblymember, 70th District

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October 30, 2015

Dear Coastal Conservancy Program Grants Review Panel,

As residents near the White Point Nature Preserve in San Pedro, it is our great pleasure to submit this letter of endorsement and support for this October's proposal from the Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy.

Our own involvement with this non-profit organization began through many hours of work which resulted from a deep appreciation and respect for the White Point Nature Preserve. We have both participated in fundraising events and numerous community engagement programs, including the Junior Naturalist Program. Our local open space, like the 102 acres of coastal sage scrub habitat at White Point Nature Preserve that borders the Pacific Ocean, is a rich gem in the otherwise bustling metropolis, and the Conservancy is well-qualified to highlight the facets.

The Land Conservancy's Junior Naturalist Education Program provides opportunities for students to have interactive, hands on learning focusing on the local coastal ecosystems that extend beyond what can be offered through traditional curriculum in the classroom. The lessons and field trips to open space promote awareness for the local coastal environment that is a valuable to our local school children, especially those coming from disadvantaged socio-economic backgrounds and have less access to parks and green space. Despite living less than fifteen miles from the coast, many of the students have never seen the ocean before. During their experience with the Junior Naturalist Program, some students have the opportunity to see and learn about the Pacific Ocean and the surrounding environment for the first time.

We are also acquainted with the Board of Directors and can vouch for their own commitment to support our work and dedication of their time to this program. We would both welcome the opportunity of bringing you and your colleagues to the preserve to show you the many ways your consideration of this program will impact a large number of school children and their parents from the Palos Verdes Peninsula, San Pedro and beyond.

We thank you for this transformational and wonderful opportunity of support.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. John Miller and Mrs. Terry Miller



February 11, 2016

State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, Suite 1300
Oakland, CA 94612

Support for Coastal Camping at Puerco Canyon

Dear State Coastal Conservancy,

Happy Trails for Kids strongly supports the efforts of the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) to secure funding through the State Coastal Conservancy's Explore the Coast grant program in order to launch the Coastal Camping at Puerco Canyon (CCPC) program.

The proposed program will offer no-cost camping trips to Cameron Nature Preserve for underserved populations across Los Angeles County, including youth from the County's extensive foster care system. These immersive camping excursions overlooking the Southern California coastline will cover all of the needs to ensure an enriching experience for the participants. The MRCA will provide the venue, camping gear, supplies, transportation, and certified interpretive naturalists to facilitate a full camping experience that would otherwise be inaccessible to these underserved populations.

This overnight outdoor camp will create a respite for youth, particularly children in the foster care system, by providing a safe and enjoyable place to meet friends, have new experiences and benefit from the communal experience that is camp. The Coastal Camping at Puerco Canyon will provide an opportunity for children to experience nature and explore the coast while also supporting healthy recreation, nature skills development, team building and leadership skills. Providing the opportunity for these deserving youth to explore the beautiful California coast not only creates a positive, fully immersive experience, but helps foster a crucial sense of environmental stewardship and investment.

For all of these reasons, we are pleased to support SCC Explore the Coast grant funding for this program and look forward to its development. We look forward to working with the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority on future enhancements to this program. If you have any questions, please contact me at september@happytrailsforkids.org or (310) 650-5943.

Happy Trails for Kids is about fun and friendship and developing self-confidence for youth in foster care.

Our programs provide kids ages 7 to 18 with enriching outdoor adventures, invaluable mentorships, and opportunities to develop leadership skills and prepare for life after foster. We believe that fostering continuity and belonging is the first step in combating the challenges of foster care and promoting success

Sincerely,
September Sucher
Camp Director
Happy Trails for Kids
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January 28, 2016

Douglas Bosco, Chairman
California State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612
Attn: Greg Gauthier

Dear Chairman Bosco:

As staff for the California Coastal Commission, I am writing in strong support of The Malibu Foundation for Environmental Education's application for grant funding to promote KIDS OCEAN DAY programs.

As we have seen from The Malibu Foundation's extensive and successful history, the KIDS OCEAN DAY program motivates students to care about their environment and involves them in community service. Getting kids to the beach and in touch with nature challenges them to recycle, reduce litter and participate in beach clean-ups. By taking an active role in the care of their environment, the likelihood is that this behavior will become part of their lifestyle increases.

By supporting this grant, The Malibu Foundation for Environmental Education will be able to bus children to the beach and then to teach them that they, as individuals, can make good things happen. More importantly, the students learn that their actions affect the world around them. This is an extremely very powerful message, and one is that is supported by the California Coastal Commission. It promotes a sense of pride and self-esteem that will help them grow into concerned adults who take an active role in their communities. I encourage you to fund this important project. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Linda Locklin
Coastal Access Program Manager

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January 29, 2016

Douglas Bosco, Chairman
California State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612
Attn: Greg Gauthier

Dear Mr. Bosco:

I am writing in strong support of the Malibu Foundation for Environmental Education's application for grant funding for their KIDS OCEAN DAY Adopt-A-Beach Clean-Up event, from the Conservancy's Explore the Coast grant program.

The Coastal Commission's Whale Tail Grants program has supported the Malibu Foundation's school assembly program and KIDS OCEAN DAY event for many years. Together with teacher-led activities, the program enables underserved students from the Los Angeles area to learn about the wonders of the ocean and the importance of taking care of it, how their actions can impact the environment, and how they can make choices that are environmentally-friendly. Many of the students who participate in the event have never visited the beach before; this event gives them that opportunity, which can be eye-opening and enriching. By participating in a beach cleanup with other students from schools across Los Angeles, the students learn that their actions can make a difference for the ocean and the animals that might be impacted by marine debris, and that they can be a positive force for change.

An Explore the Coast grant from the State Coastal Conservancy would enable the Malibu Foundation for Environmental Education to bring many more children to this event. I encourage you to fund this important project. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Christiane Parry
Public Education Program Manager



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January 28, 2016

Ms. Evyan Borgnis, Project Manager
California State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Fl.
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

Dear Ms. Borgnis:

The Bolsa Chica Land Trust is pleased to offer its support for the grant application from Los Angeles Inspiring Connections Outdoors (LA ICO) for an Explore the Coast grant.

LA ICO has been bringing groups of students to the Bolsa Chica Ecological Reserve for the past five years. Students have worked to restore native habitat and public trails through our Bolsa Chica Stewards program. They have also participated in our guided tours of the Reserve, learning about the importance of this habitat and its flora and fauna.

I am always impressed by the amazing manner in which the LA ICO teams work with the students, making it a memorable learning experience for each one. Of the hundreds of groups who work with us each year, our team particularly looks forward to working with the students the LA ICO bring to us. The enthusiasm, knowledge base and comradery the students have is wonderful and a reflection of the positive impact this program truly has.

By providing bus transportation from the schools to the Reserve, as well as trained and experienced leaders, LA ICO makes it possible for students from urban areas to have a wilderness experience – often their first opportunity. They also support us in our mission to work with young Californians to help them appreciate and learn to preserve our wetlands and open spaces.

We fully support and encourage your acceptance of the grant application submitted by the Los Angeles Inspiring Connections Outdoors program. Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions.

Best regards,

Kim Kolpin
Executive Director

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State Coastal Conservancy

1330 Broadway #1300

Oakland, CA 94612

14 January 2016

Subject: Support for the Coastal Dune Community Stewardship Project

Dear State Coastal Conservancy:

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife enthusiastically supports The Bay Foundation's (TBF) efforts in seeking grant funding through the SCC Explore the Coast Program to continue community-engaged stewardship and restoration of the LAX Dunes Preserve. Overlooking the Pacific Ocean, the LAX Dunes is a 300-acre site, located in Playa Del Rey, that is home to the beautiful and delicate federally endangered El Segundo Blue Butterfly, and other rare plant, animal, and insect species.

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Regards,

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R.C. Brody
Land Manager, Ballona Wetlands Ecological Reserve



State Coastal Conservancy

1330 Broadway #1300

Oakland, CA 94612

20 January 2016

Subject: Support for the Coastal Dune Community Stewardship Project

Dear State Coastal Conservancy:

Girl Scout Troop 10975 enthusiastically supports The Bay Foundation's (TBF) efforts in seeking grant funding through the SCC Explore the Coast Program to continue community-engaged stewardship and restoration of the LAX Dunes Preserve. Overlooking the Pacific Ocean, the LAX Dunes is a 300-acre site, located in Playa Del Rey, that is home to the beautiful and delicate federally endangered El Segundo Blue Butterfly, and other rare plant, animal, and insect species.

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One of the Girl Scouts from our Troop, Ayanna Neal, founded Friends of the LAX Dunes as part of her Gold Award, Girl Scouts' highest award. Girl Scouts' mission is to build girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place. Your support of these organizations' efforts to restore the LAX Dunes helps achieve this by improving fragile ecosystems as well as providing an important volunteer opportunity for our community and our Girl Scouts.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carole Neal".

Carole Neal

Leader, Girl Scout Troop 10975

Cc: Karina Johnston, Director of Watershed Programs, The Bay Foundation

State Coastal Conservancy

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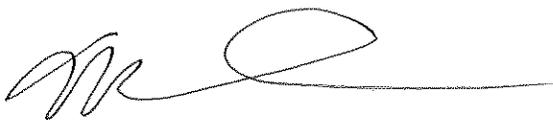
Subject: Support for the Coastal Dune Community Stewardship Project

Dear State Coastal Conservancy:

The Center for Urban Resilience (CUREs) enthusiastically supports The Bay Foundation's (TBF) efforts in seeking grant funding through the SCC Explore the Coast Program to continue community-engaged stewardship and restoration of the LAX Dunes Preserve. Overlooking the Pacific Ocean, the LAX Dunes is a 300-acre site, located in Playa Del Rey, that is home to the beautiful and delicate federally endangered El Segundo Blue Butterfly, and other rare plant, animal, and insect species.

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Sincerely,



Michele Romolini, Ph.D.
Research Scientist
Director of Research, Center for Urban Resilience
Loyola Marymount University

Cc: Karina Johnston, Director of Watershed Programs, The Bay Foundation



State Coastal Conservancy

1330 Broadway #1300

Oakland, CA 94612

20 January 2016

Subject: Support for the Coastal Dune Community Stewardship Project

Dear State Coastal Conservancy:

Girl Scout Troop 01535 enthusiastically supports The Bay Foundation's (TBF) efforts in seeking grant funding through the SCC Explore the Coast Program to continue community-engaged stewardship and restoration of the LAX Dunes Preserve. Overlooking the Pacific Ocean, the LAX Dunes is a 300-acre site, located in Playa Del Rey, that is home to the beautiful and delicate federally endangered El Segundo Blue Butterfly, and other rare plant, animal, and insect species.

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Our Troop had the opportunity to participate in one of the volunteer events and it was an informative and meaningful experience for our girls. They learned about the native plants and animals, were inspired by the natural beauty and enjoyed making a difference in our community. Girl Scouts' mission is to build girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place. Your support of these organizations' efforts to restore the LAX Dunes helps achieve this by improving fragile ecosystems as well as provides an important volunteer opportunity for our community.

Sincerely,

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Sheletta Seaborne

Service Unit Manager, Westchester Del Rey

Cc: Karina Johnston, Director of Watershed Programs, The Bay Foundation



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January 14, 2016

State Coastal Conservancy
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Subject: Support for the Coastal Dune Community Stewardship Project

Dear State Coastal Conservancy:

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Sincerely,

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Cc: Karina Johnston, Director of Watershed Programs, The Bay Foundation

October 21, 2015

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Subject: Support for the Coastal Dune Community Stewardship Project

Dear Ms. Johnston:

The Friends of the LAX Dunes (FOLD) is a partnership of community organizations, corporate sponsors, and dedicated individuals working to promote the Los Angeles World Airport's Adopt-a-Dune program. Overlooking the Pacific Ocean, the LAX Dunes is a 300-acre site, located in Playa Del Rey, that is home to the beautiful and delicate federally endangered El Segundo Blue Butterfly, and other rare plant, animal, and insect species. FOLD faces a daunting task of trying to remove as many non-native and invasive plant species as quickly and effectively as possible to make room for new plants to grow. With the LAX Dunes covering such a large area, we need as many hands as possible to help. Community participation in restoration events allows the public access to a unique coastal dune habitat, which is normally restricted, and provides educational opportunities to learn more about the importance of this ecosystem.

FOLD supports The Bay Foundation's (TBF) efforts in seeking grant funding through the SCC Explore the Coast Program to continue community-engaged stewardship and restoration of the LAX Dunes Preserve. In September of 2015, FOLD co-hosted their first Coastal Clean-up Day with TBF. This event brought together over 70 volunteers to the LAX Dunes Preserve and collectively we filled a total of 128 bags of non-native plants weighting in at a grand total of 2,001 pounds. FOLD looks forward to continue building a partnership with TBF in efforts to continue community stewardship and restoration of the LAX Dunes.

Sincerely,

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Ayanna Neal

FOLD Founder/ Board of Directors

California Native Plant Society

Los Angeles/Santa Monica Mountains Chapter
15811 Leadwell St.
Van Nuys, CA 91406
January 20, 2016

State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, #1300
Oakland, CA 94612
Subject: Support for the Coastal Dune Community Stewardship Project

Dear Coastal Conservancy:

On behalf of the California Native Plant Society (CNPS), Los Angeles/Santa Monica Mountains Chapter, I am writing to offer our strong support for The Bay Foundation's (TBF) efforts seeking grant funding through the State Coastal Conservancy Explore the Coast Program to continue community-engaged stewardship and restoration at the LAX Dunes Preserve.

Building on a partnership with the Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) and Friends of the LAX Dunes (FOLD), volunteers will learn about this unique site's ecological, historical, and cultural importance while providing public stewardship in an ecologically significant and endangered habitat. Participants will learn about the important role of restoration and conservation in a coastal dune habitat that is normally closed to the public.

Overlooking the Santa Monica Bay and the Pacific Ocean, the 307-acre LAX El Segundo Dunes ("LAX Dunes Preserve") is the largest remaining fragment of coastal dunes in Southern California and has been identified as a Significant Ecological Area (SEA) by the County of Los Angeles SEA Technical Advisory Committee. It includes 43 acres of undisturbed native dunes, including 9 acres of back dune and 30 acres of contiguous fore dune. It is home to and is the most significant recovery unit for, the federally endangered El Segundo Blue Butterfly (*Euphilotes battoides allyni*). The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has designated the LAX Dunes Preserve as an endangered habitat where it is most likely for a population of El Segundo Blue Butterfly to survive disease, disturbance and predation. This butterfly is entirely dependent on one native plant for its survival. The LAX Dunes was also recently used by federally threatened California gnatcatchers (*Polioptila californica*) as nesting and breeding habitat.

The California Native Plant Society is a non-profit organization of over 9,000 laypersons and professional botanists with 34 statewide chapters. Our mission is to increase the understanding and appreciation of California's native plants and to conserve them and their natural habitats through education, science, advocacy, horticulture and stewardship. Our members have been involved in volunteering with invasive plant removal and native seed gathering and propagation at the LAX Dunes for the past few years. We have seen much progress made in the restoration of this important coastal habitat. We fully support this grant application as it has the potential to further protect coastal ecological resources in an urban area. Please feel free to contact me if you have further questions.

Sincerely,



Snowdy Dodson, Chapter President 818-782-9346 email: snowdy.dodson@csun.edu

Cc: Karina Johnston, Director of Watershed Programs, The Bay Foundation



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E Read and Associates Inc.

State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway #1300
Oakland, CA 94612

21 January 2016

Subject: Support for the Coastal Dune Community Stewardship Project

Dear State Coastal Conservancy:

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From management of the Ballona Freshwater Wetlands to water quality monitoring and dune restoration, our organizations have been directly involved in restoration and monitoring of coastal habitats in this region for decades. We understand the kind of dedication and funding that these efforts require. TBF has a strong track record of success and we urge the Coastal Conservancy to approve their funding request.

Sincerely,

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Edith Read, PhD., President, E Read and Associates Inc.

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

Jim Burton, President, EcoKai Environmental Inc.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lisa Fimiani".

Lisa Fimiani, Executive Director, Friends of Ballona Wetlands

Cc: Karina Johnston, Director of Watershed Programs, The Bay Foundation

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January 20, 2016

Douglas Bosco, Chairman
California State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612
Attn: Greg Gauthier

Dear Mr. Bosco:

I am writing in strong support of the *Malibu Foundation for Environmental Education's* application for grant funding as part of the State Coastal Conservancy's Explore the Coast grant program to support their *KIDS OCEAN DAY* Adopt-A-Beach Clean-Up event.

KIDS OCEAN DAY motivates students to care about their environment and involves them in community service. Getting kids to the beach and in touch with nature challenges them to recycle, reduce litter and participate in beach clean-ups. By having children play an active role in caring for their environment, there is a greater likelihood that this behavior will become a part of their lifestyle as they grow into adults.

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Sincerely,

Joyce Amaro, Public Education Manager
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January 26, 2016

State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, Suite 1300
Oakland, CA 94612

Support for Coastal Camping at Puerco Canyon

Dear State Coastal Conservancy:

The Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) strongly supports the efforts of the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) to secure funding through the State Coastal Conservancy's (SCC) Explore the Coast grant program in order to launch the Coastal Camping at Puerco Canyon (CCPC) program.

The proposed program will offer no-cost camping trips to Cameron Nature Preserve for underserved populations across Los Angeles County, including youth from the County's extensive foster care system. These immersive camping excursions overlooking the Southern California coastline will cover all of the needs to ensure an enriching experience for the participants. The MRCA will provide the venue, camping gear, supplies, transportation and certified interpretive naturalists to facilitate a full camping experience that would otherwise be inaccessible to these underserved populations.

This overnight outdoor camp will create a respite for youth, particularly children in the foster care system, by providing a safe and enjoyable place to meet friends, have new experiences and benefit from the communal experience that is camp. The Coastal Camping at Puerco Canyon will provide an opportunity for children to experience nature and explore the coast while also supporting healthy recreation, nature skills development, team building and leadership skills. Providing the opportunity for these deserving youth to explore the beautiful California coast not only creates a positive, fully immersive experience, but helps foster a crucial sense of environmental stewardship and investment.

For all of these reasons, DCFS is pleased to support SCC Explore the Coast grant funding for this program and look forward to its development. We look forward to working with MRCA on future enhancements to this program. If you have any questions, please contact Daniel Svedas at (213) 351-5594 or by email at svedasd@dcfs.lacounty.gov.

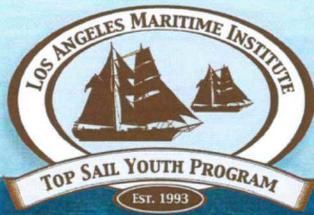
Sincerely,

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PHILIP L. BROWNING
Director

cc: Mario Sandoval, Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

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January 22, 2016

Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chairman
State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Attention: Julia Elkin

Dear Chairman Bosco:

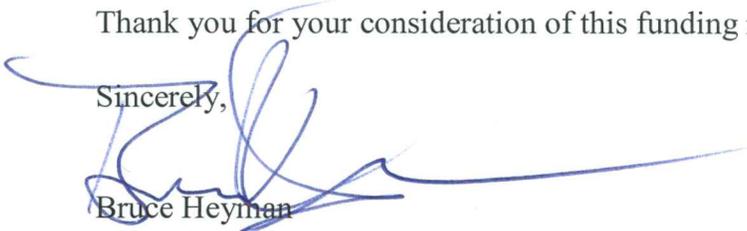
The Los Angeles Maritime Institute encourages the State Coastal Conservancy to consider funding for the Ocean Institute to conduct its 2016 Tall Ships Festival.

Every year, a fleet of historically significant sailing vessels comes to the Dana Point Harbor for a special weekend of entertainment, learning, and public engagement. They come not only to display their beauty and majesty but also to share with the public a maritime history that is inextricably part of California's past, heritage that the Ocean Institute works hard to preserve as its educators inspire future generations about our oceans.

For many years, the Los Angeles Maritime Institute has participated in this popular festival by sending our twin brigantines, the *Irving* and *Exy Johnson*, to be part of the weekend's outreach, tours, and cannon battle sails. I have been proud to see the Tall Ships Festival become a much anticipated event in Southern California. Its impact would be even more significant this year with the addition of Coastal Conservancy funding that would support efforts to bring residents from underserved inland communities to Dana Point Harbor.

Thank you for your consideration of this funding request.

Sincerely,


Bruce Heyman
Executive Director
Los Angeles Maritime Institute

Director@lamitopsail.org

OUR MISSION

The Los Angeles Maritime Institute serves to empower youth to discover their greater potential through extraordinary at-sea experiences.



January 26, 2016

Douglas Bosco, Chairman
California State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612
Attn: Greg Gauthier

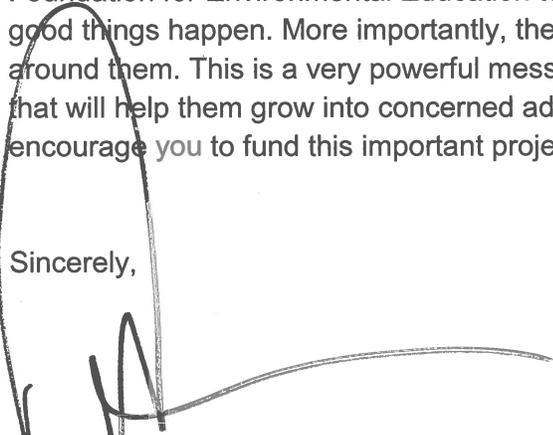
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Sincerely,


Matt Petersen
Chief Sustainability Officer, City of Los Angeles

Board of Directors California State Coastal Conservancy

Re: Heal the Bay's 2016 Grant Application

This letter is written in support of Heal the Bay's application for grant funding of Nick Gabaldón Day to be held on Saturday, June 4 at the Bay Street beach near the Inkwell monument in Santa Monica, California. Nick Gabaldón is not simply a historic figure in the surfing community, but a figure held in iconic status in communities of color. As the first documented surfer of African and Mexican-American descent in the Santa Monica Bay, we at Concerned Black Men of Los Angeles have used his life to inspire over 150 boys of color in our programs. We have inspired these young men to push beyond the status quo and use this amazing day to expose them to their natural resources and the culture of conservation. The programming location is the historical African American beach site from the Jim Crow era, and the location where Nick Gabaldón first began his ocean experiences.

Since 2013, The Concerned Black Men of Los Angeles have been a participant in this programming with Heal the Bay, the Black Surfers Collective, the Surf Academy and the California Historical Society, among other organizations. This has become a signature event for our organization and watershed moment in the lives of the boys we serve; most of whom have never seen the beach despite living in a coastal city, let alone surf. The goal of the day is to celebrate historical African American beach culture and the monument site, engage in ocean stewardship and inspire youth of all ages to experience our coast. During the event Santa Monica Conservancy has hosted an exhibit and provided docents at the beach to interpret the site and its significance.

This event is a cutting edge way to encourage historic preservation, nature conversation and environmental justice movements' ideals to engage broader audiences in the preservation and stewardship of our natural and historical heritage by intersecting with the enjoyment of beach recreational activities. Its programming infuses into the collective memory of American culture the forgotten stories of those African Americans who enjoyed this beach and struggled for their California dreams and our shared civic identity, empowering people of all ages with useful knowledge to be a force for civic engagement, while facilitating individual and community pride. Concerned Black Men enthusiastically supports the Coastal Conservancy of California's grant funding of Heal the Bay for programming of Nick Gabaldón Day to be held, Saturday, June 4, 2016

Sincerely,

Maurice U. Buntin

Program Manager

Concerned Black Men of Los Angeles

7 March 2016

Board of Directors
California State Coastal Conservancy

Re: Heal the Bay's 2016 Grant Application

This letter is written in support of Heal the Bay's application for grant funding of Nick Gabaldón Day to be held on Saturday, June 4 at the Bay Street beach near the Inkwell monument in Santa Monica, California. Nick Gabaldón was the first documented surfer of African and Mexican-American descent in the Santa Monica Bay. The programming location is the historical African American beach site from the Jim Crow era, and the location where Nick Gabaldón first began his ocean experiences.

Since 2013 the Santa Monica Conservancy has been a supporter and presenter of this programming with Heal the Bay, the Black Surfers Collective, the Surf Academy and the California Historical Society, among other organizations. The goal of the day is to celebrate historical African American beach culture and the monument site, engage in ocean stewardship and inspire youth of all ages to experience our coast. During the event Santa Monica Conservancy has hosted an exhibit and provided docents at the beach to interpret the site and its significance.

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The Santa Monica Conservancy enthusiastically supports the Coastal Conservancy of California's grant funding of Heal the Bay for programming of Nick Gabaldón Day to be held, Saturday, June 4, 2016.

Sincerely,



Carol Lemlein
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March 7, 2016

Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chairman
State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612
Attention: Laura Cholodenko

Dear Mr. Bosco,

I am writing you to express my strong support of the applications for grant funding for Wildcoast, California Wildlife Foundation, Living Coast Discovery Center, and The Ocean Foundation's, as part of the Coastal Conservancy's 'Explore the Coast' grant program.

The Conservancy's 'Explore the Coast' grant program provides support to a wide range of nonprofit and public agency projects that facilitate and enhance the public's opportunities to discover the California coastline.

As a State Senator, I appreciate how the Coastal Conservancy's program actively provides the opportunity to people from all backgrounds in exploring California's spectacular coast, improves visitor experiences, and helps the public learn about natural, recreational, cultural and historic resources of the coast. Projects funded by the Conservancy through 'Explore the Coast' can foster a meaningful sense of connection in our citizens to the invaluable coastal and marine treasures that are our shared responsibility and inheritance.

Wildcoast's *San Diego County Marine Protected Area Youth Education and Stewardship Project* will directly engage high school students from underserved communities in San Diego County in experiential learning, direct stewardship and marine-based recreation activities.

California Wildlife Foundation's *Climate Kids South Coast* will bring programming to numerous Title I schools in San Diego County and provide transportation for coastal field trips in San Diego County.

Living Coast Discovery Center's *Animals on the Bay Day* will provide a hands-on, family friendly, free event that educates thousands of guests about local watershed ecology and biodiversity conservation.



Exhibit 3: Project Letters

The Ocean Foundation's *Ocean Connectors: Connecting Youth for Conservation* program will provide three years of continuous marine science education programs to underserved youth age nine to twelve living in coastal communities.

Thank you for your consideration of this funding request and for increasing coastal access to all Californians.

Sincerely,



Senator Ben Hueso

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March 8, 2016

Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chairman
State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612
Attention: Laura Cholodenko

Ben Allen
March 8, 2016

Dear Mr. Bosco;

I am writing you to express my strong support of Heal the Bay, The Bay Foundation, and The Sierra Club Foundation's applications for grant funding as part of the Coastal Conservancy's Explore the Coast grant program.

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Heal the Bay's *Nick Gabaldón Day* and *Youth Education Day* programs will provide for two coastal education events held in Los Angeles County.

The Bay Foundation's *Coastal Dune Community Stewardship Project* will provide for an educational and hands-on restoration program to promote, protect, and restore dunes adjacent to



LAX airport. Outreach will target diverse and underserved communities, with a special emphasis on elementary and high school aged youth and college students.

The Sierra Club Foundation in cooperation with the *Los Angeles Inspiring Connection Outdoors* program will provide for 30 fieldtrips for Title 1 school students, parents, and teachers to parks, beaches, and wetlands of Santa Monica Bay, Los Angeles County.

These projects present exciting opportunities for District 26 citizens to become more closely connected with our region's coastal resources and better understand current issues and opportunities along our coastline.

Thank you for your consideration of this funding request and for increasing coastal access for Californians.

Sincerely,

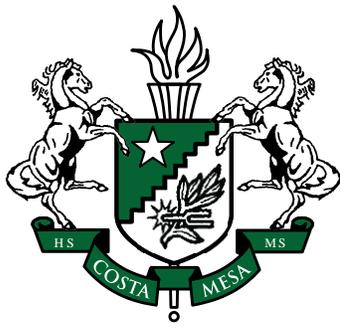


Ben Allen
Senator, 26th District

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Rich Peterson
Assistant Principal

February 12, 2016

To Whom It May Concern:

It is with great enthusiasm that I write to recommend Orange County Coastkeeper (OC Coastkeeper) for the Explore the Coast grant. In my capacity as Marine Science and Environmental Field Studies teacher at Costa Mesa High School I have worked with OC Coastkeeper to help give my students a hands-on experience over the last 3 school years. At Costa Mesa High School, Marine Science fulfills the requirements of a university recognized science course that helps students reach their academic science goals outside of the standard curriculum. The true benefits of the Marine Science course come primarily from the field trips that cannot be funded by the school alone. As a school, we have partnered with OC Coastkeeper for more than 8 years and they have been an invaluable resource for delivering Marine Science content. Our partnerships have resulted in having the chaperones, transportation and coordination required to bring a wide range of students to the local beaches for coastal exploration, to observe beach formation, to view tide pools and to conduct beach clean-ups.

Additionally, the Environmental Field Studies course is the capstone course of the Environmental and Marine Academy, which provides students with an elective option that meets their interests. OC Coastkeeper has helped us to build and sustain the academy over time and provides internship opportunities for qualified students interested in ocean education or organizing community outreach such as beach clean-ups. Recent graduates that have completed internships with OC Coastkeeper have gone on to 4-year universities and continue to focus on conservation and the marine environment.

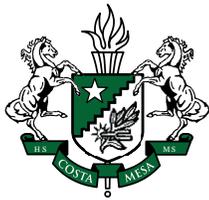
I believe OC Coastkeeper to be a valuable asset to my marine and environmental courses, as well as to the greater Costa Mesa High School community and encourage you to consider them as a recipient of this grant.

If you have any further questions please feel free to contact me at any time.

Sincerely,

Karen Upthegrove
Earth, Marine and Environmental Science Teacher
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Newport Mesa Unified School District



Costa Mesa High School

February 8, 2016

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in support of the Orange County Coastkeeper WHALES program for education. My students have participated in the WHALES program for the past ten years, including six field trips per year and the culminating project. I have seen immense benefits to my students throughout the process and I strongly encourage you to give this program your highest consideration.

The WHALES program has helped connect my students to their local watersheds and coast in several important ways. Many of our students come from low income backgrounds, and some of them have never seen the ocean, despite living within 5 miles of the beach. The WHALES program provides our students with the opportunity to not only visit the coast, but to engage more deeply in learning about the upstream activities that affect the quality of our coastal waters. They learn about the treated wastewater that is discharged off the coast of Huntington beach, the effects of urban runoff on tidepools and other coastal ecosystems, the importance of marine protected areas, problems associated with marine plastic debris, and the benefits of healthy wetlands for larger coastal ecosystems. All of this exposure comes through a combination of in-class presentations and hands-on experiences in the field. The network of partners that support OCCK WHALES program includes both public and private organizations, and a wide variety of community partners. Orange County Coastkeeper also partners with our school by hosting internships for our junior and senior students throughout the school year and during the summer. All of these opportunities have greatly increased our students' connection to their local coastal ecosystems and enhanced their understanding of their role in protecting the coast.

I sincerely hope you will select the Orange County Coastkeeper WHALES program as one of your grant recipients. Their program is unique in Orange County and provides an irreplaceable resource for our local high schools. If you have any additional questions please feel free to contact me anytime. Thank you very much for your consideration!

Sincerely,

Cristen Rasmussen
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February 12, 2016

State of California
Coastal Conservancy

Re: Letter of Support for Orange County Coastkeeper

To Whom It May Concern,

It is our pleasure to write this letter in support of the Orange County Coastkeeper organization for their exceptional work relating to the Explore the Coast grant programs.

We have partnered with Orange County Coastkeeper to provide education programs for students at San Onofre State Beach since 2012. The programs, over the years, have served a very diverse group of students, grades K-12, and even a few college classes. Goals of these programs are to not only educate these students about the geology, geography, ecology, and biodiversity of the coast, but to create stewards for future generations. We hope these students see, feel and understand the need to retain these special places for their future, and that of their children and grandchildren.

The San Onofre Foundation, dba The San Onofre Parks Foundation, is a California non-profit 501(c) (3) public benefit, charitable corporation, whose mission is to provide for education and interpretive services regarding all aspects of the natural, cultural, historical and biological diversity of California State Parks at San Onofre and San Clemente State Beaches; promoting environmental awareness and ethics; and enhancing the quality of recreation experience at these unique coastal parks.

In conclusion, we fully support the efforts of the Orange County Coastkeeper as they seek additional funding from your program to maintain and grow the number of students served.

Should you have any further questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact me on my cell 949-922-5558 or via e-mail at sgoggins@sanofoundation.org

Sincerely,

Susan Goggins
Business Manager
San Onofre Parks Foundation

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February 5, 2016

Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chairman
State Coastal Conservancy
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Attn: Laura Cholodenko

Dear Mr. Bosco;

I am writing you to express my strong support of Orange County Coastkeeper's application for grant funding as part of the Coastal Conservancy's Explore the Coast grant program.

The Conservancy's Explore the Coast grant program provides support to a wide range of nonprofit and public agency projects that facilitate and enhance the public's opportunities to explore California's coastline.

As an Assembly member, I appreciate how the Coastal Conservancy's program actively supports more people from all backgrounds exploring California's spectacular coast, improves visitor experiences, and helps the public learn about natural, recreational, cultural and historic resources of the coast. Projects funded by the Conservancy through Explore the Coast can foster a meaningful sense of connection between our citizens and the invaluable coastal and marine resources that are our shared inheritance.

Orange County Coastkeeper's *Watershed Heroes: Actions Linking Education to Stewardship Clean Up OC: Kids Care* program will expand educational programming provided to middle and high school students and focus on educating elementary school children in grades three through five on marine debris issues in Orange County. The project will target underserved schools to provide in-class activities and field experiences at no cost to the students or schools.

This project presents an exciting opportunity for District 74 citizens to become more closely connected with our region's coastal resources and better understand current issues and opportunities along our coastline.

Thank you for your consideration of this funding request and for increasing coastal access for Californians.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Matthew Harper". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line extending to the right from the end of the name.

Matthew Harper
California Assemblyman, 74th District

2/10/16

Dear Explore the Coast Grant Committee,

I am writing this letter in enthusiastic support of Orange County Coastkeeper's grant application. I have been working with this amazing organization for ten years and they have been instrumental in supporting my students' environmental education about our watershed and coast. Orange High School, located in Orange, California, is a school-wide Title 1 school with approximately 83% of our students being classified as socioeconomically disadvantaged and approximately 27% of our students classified as English Learners. Our student body is composed of about 85% Hispanic/Latino students, 8% white students, and 4% Asian students. The learning provided by Orange County Coastkeeper creates an invaluable opportunity for our students enrolled in Advanced Placement Environmental Science, and I estimate that they have served over 400 of my students since we began our partnership.

As difficult as it is to believe, every year I have students who have never been to the coast, despite living less than 20 miles away. Economic and cultural circumstances do not necessarily promote coastal experiences for these students. My students are able to learn about the coast during in-class lessons and five to six field trips each year. Students learn about the connection that they have between the City of Orange and our local beaches, experiencing valuable lessons. For example, we learn about a large storm drain at our local park, see the debris collected within, and complete water testing, all the while emphasizing the fact that our coast is the eventually destination for everything within the storm drain. I appreciate the effort that Coastkeeper puts in to design learning experiences that are scientifically rigorous, relevant to the students' lives, and teach them to be good steward of our watershed. On two trips the students explore the coast itself, cataloging the debris at its final destination, learning about mammal rehabilitation (and human-caused reasons for their problems), inventorying life in the tide pools and studying marine life at the Back Bay.

The year culminates with Community Action Projects, in which students complete an event to better their watershed and coast, and then present to a panel of local experts. I cannot say enough good things about the positive impact that both the project and presentations have on my students. They cultivate a true passion for our local watershed and its protection and over the years have completed a multitude of projects, such as informing the public of the dangers of plastic pollution and helping to restore the Bolsa Chica wetlands. Without Orange County Coastkeeper's facilitation, my students would not have this opportunity. In all honestly, at times I wonder about how my students' experience in my course will be affected without Coastkeeper's contribution, and know that it would never be as enriching or eye-opening. Due to Coastkeeper, every year I have the pleasure of watching my students develop a greater understanding of their watershed and coast, and the real-life issues surrounding them, and mature into young adults taking an interest in conserving our natural resources. I have spoken to numerous former students who attest to the lasting impact that this unique program has and because of this I want to affirm my support of Orange Count Coastkeeper in their grant proposal.

Thank you for your consideration,



Amelia Strickland

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March 1, 2016

Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chairman
State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612
Attention: Laura Cholodenko

Dear Mr. Bosco:

I am writing you to express my support of Orange County Coastkeeper and The Sierra Club Foundation's applications for grant funding as part of the Coastal Conservancy's Explore the Coast grant program.

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Chairman Douglas Bosco

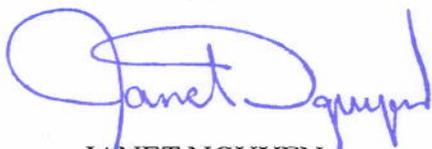
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These projects present exciting opportunities for District 34 citizens to become more closely connected with our region's coastal resources and better understand current issues and opportunities along our coastline.

Thank you for your consideration of this funding request and for increasing coastal access for Californians.

Sincerely,



JANET NGUYEN
California State Senator
Thirty-Fourth District

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GREG COX
SUPERVISOR, FIRST DISTRICT
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October 14, 2015

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

Subject: "Explore the Coast Grant Program" - Support for Ocean Connectors Grant Application

Dear Mr. ~~Bosco~~ *Doug*:

As Supervisor for the First District of San Diego County, it is my pleasure to support Ocean Connectors' grant application for the "Explore the Coast Grant Program." I believe Ocean Connectors is making a real difference in the lives of local families, positively impacting how they perceive and protect our coastal resources.

Ocean Connectors is the only organization of its kind focusing on National City, an underserved community of south San Diego County where less than 5% of the area is dedicated to parks and green space. Children in this community lack the coastal access that San Diego County is well known for and Ocean Connectors is working to confront this issue at the grassroots level by helping local youth explore the coast and gain an understanding of our unique natural resources.

By uniquely fusing environmental science with technology, art, and language studies, children learn about coastal stewardship that "crosses borders". Ocean Connectors' programs integrate key research findings and expertise from a variety of local and international partners, including Scripps Institution of Oceanography and the National Marine Fisheries Service, to help build a bridge between public knowledge and cutting-edge marine science.

I appreciate your consideration of Ocean Connectors' proposal and I hope you will join me in support, so their remarkable programs can continue to reach even more children in San Diego County.

Sincerely,


GREG COX
Supervisor, First District

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March 4, 2016

Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chairman
State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612
Attn: Laura Cholodenko

Dear Mr. Bosco:

This is a letter of support for Buena Vista Audubon Society and their grant funding application to the Coastal Conservancy's Explore the Coast grant program.

Buena Vista Audubon Society's *School Bus Voucher Project* subsidizes school bus transportation costs so that local elementary schools can transport classes to the Buena Vista Audubon nature center and coastal lagoon to participate in Buena Vista Audubon's Elementary Education Program, where children learn about and explore coastal ecosystems from trained volunteer Nature Guides.

Through the Explore the Coast grant program, Buena Vista Audubon seeks funding to provide bus transportation of 1,500 students from low-income areas in Oceanside to the Buena Vista Audubon nature center for these programs. Most of these schools would not otherwise be able to attend due to budget constraints, and most of the students come from under-served communities that traditionally do not have as much access to nature as other populations.

Buena Vista Audubon has earned the credibility, trust, and respect in our community for its environmental education programs, its dedication to providing students and teachers with the opportunities to explore coastal lagoon habitats, and the ability to provide access to all students.

Thank you for your consideration of this funding request and for increasing coastal access for children in Oceanside.

Sincerely,

Chuck Lowery
Deputy Mayor

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GREG COX

SUPERVISOR, FIRST DISTRICT
San Diego County Board of Supervisors

March 9, 2016

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

Dear Chairman Bosco:

As the San Diego County Supervisor representing the First District that runs along the most southwesterly California coastline, I am writing in support of awarding an "Explore the Coast" grant to the California Coastal Trail Association (CCTA) for development of content for the Conservancy's soon-to-be-released ETC smartphone application. In addition to developing important multimedia content in support of the California Coastal Trail, this project will also serve as an outreach campaign focused on generating public awareness of the Trail.

The Coastal Conservancy, with participation from the CCTA, has been working to develop a smartphone application that will guide the public to the Coastal Trail and provide information about activities and amenities along the Trail. This multimedia project will significantly add to the breadth of content available to the public by producing approximately 100 georeferenced points of interest and include information about activities along the trail.

This project addresses three "Explore the Coast" program priorities:

- It provides a valuable recreational, environmental, cultural, or historic learning experience
- It increases stewardship of coastal resources
- It enhances the public's coastal experience in a way that does not currently exist.

Although the CCTA is a relatively new organization, it has already attracted all fifteen coastal county governments to become Charter members. The CCTA enjoys wide geographic support and local governments want to fully participate in ensuring the Trail's future. I am proud to support this multimedia project, as it will serve to inform the public of recreational opportunities and attract visitors to the Trail, thereby promoting the local economies of CCTA members.

Thank you for consideration in funding for this important program that is vital to the California Coastal Trail's future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Greg Cox".

GREG COX
Supervisor, First District



FEBRUARY 17, 2016

Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chairman
State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor Oakland, CA 94612
Attention: Julia Elkin, Project Manager, South Coast Region

Dear Mr. Bosco;

I Love a Clean San Diego encourages the State Coastal Conservancy to consider funding for Living Coast Discovery Center to conduct two community events in October 2016 and 2017: Animals on the Bay Day.

The Living Coast is a regional asset in our community that provides many vital environmental education programs to families and students. As long-time partners with the Living Coast, I Love A Clean San Diego advocates for environmental sustainability, inspires action, and empowers everyone to improve the health and beauty of our local environment.

Community events like Animals on the Bay Day provide a unique opportunity for organizations like I Love a Clean San Diego to educate and inspire underserved families throughout the region. We are happy to provide our support for the Living Coast's application to the State Coastal Conservancy and look forward to participating in Animals on the Bay Day.

Thank you for your consideration of this funding request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Pauline Martinson".

Pauline Martinson
Executive Director





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January 7, 2016

Raymond Ashley, Ph.D.
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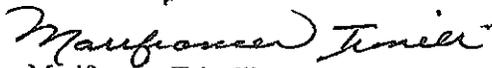
Dear Dr. Ashley:

I am writing in support of a visit from SAN SALVADOR to the Los Angeles Maritime Museum in San Pedro, California.

As a coastal neighbor, the Los Angeles Maritime Museum has worked closely with the Maritime Museum of San Diego in the past, and is very enthusiastic about the possibility of a visit from SAN SALVADOR to Los Angeles harbor. We are certain that this visit would provide a memorable educational experience for our visitors, and will raise awareness of the significant maritime events that shaped the history of California. The Los Angeles Maritime Museum hosts thousands of school children each year, and we look forward to working with your staff to develop educational programming to accompany the visit.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding the specifics of *San Salvador's* visit to our Museum.

Sincerely,


Marifrances Trivelli
Museum Director



John Adams Elementary School

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January 29, 2016

Explore the Coast Grants Program
California Coastal Conservancy
45 Fremont Street, Suite 2000
San Francisco, CA 94105

Dear California Coastal Conservancy:

On behalf of Adams Elementary school, I am pleased to submit this letter of support for Ocean Discovery Institute (ODI) on their Explore the Coast grant proposal for Ocean Science Explorers.

Adams Elementary is a K-5 elementary school located within the Mid-City area of San Diego (the community proposed for this project). Our mission is for all students to achieve academic excellence in a safe, engaging, supportive environment that is welcoming to families and community and will prepare students to be contributing, highly productive citizens whose decision-making is based on strong core values in a global society. Our previous work with Ocean Discovery has supported this and yielded increased science learning among our students.

Adams Elementary is only eight miles from the ocean, but we are also within a densely populated, highly urbanized neighborhood that can at times feel much farther from the coast. Annually, the Ocean Science Explorers program takes all of our 3rd, 4th and 5th graders to the coast, and for many of these students, it will be the first time they see the ocean. . These field trips allow students to experience outdoor learning, and the Ocean Discovery staff reinforces concepts taught to them in the classroom and gives them relevance. This takes the education outside the four walls of a classroom and creates long lasting impacts with our students. The impact this program makes is critical to our students and their connection to the coast and the environment.

We strongly support Ocean Discovery's proposal because we feel our partnership with them helps our students achieve academic excellence and build science skills through hands-on science experiences both in the classroom and in our coastal ecosystems. The project will not only bring additional science and learning opportunities to our school, but to the Mid-City area and City Heights community as a whole. As a principal working in one of the most diverse neighborhoods of our nation, I am particularly appreciative of the California Coastal Conservancy's support of initiatives that provide models to engage underrepresented groups.

Sincerely,

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Sylvia McGrade

Principal

Exhibit 3: Project Letters

January 20, 2016

Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chairman
State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612
Attention: Project Manager's Name

Dear Mr. Bosco;

I am writing to encourage the State Coastal Conservancy to consider funding for the Climate Science Alliance-California Wildlife Foundation to conduct **Climate Kids-South Coast**.

Pacific Beach Elementary has been fortunate to be the pilot site for Climate Kids-San Diego project. I can tell you from first hand experience that something magical happens when the students pull on their lab coats and transform into scientists. Having Climate Kids in my class this year has been a great experience and the Climate Kids team brought the ocean into the classroom to teach students about climate change and how we can come together to protect and conserve our ocean and marine animals. The students have benefited from the hands on science activities, storytelling, and art and are looking forward to more Climate Kids activities this spring. We were also able to take a field trip to Cabrillo National Monument where the students had an outdoor experience in one of our coastal parks.

Amber Pairis at the Climate Science Alliance-South Coast is leading the Climate Kids program and bringing local partners into our classroom to utilize storytelling, science, and art to inspire and educate our students about climate change. This is a great program and I hope you will carefully consider this funding request and the benefit it brings to so many participants.

Sincerely,
Eric Nielsen
Pacific Beach Elementary—2nd grade

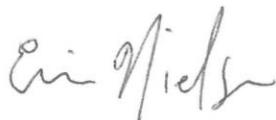
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I am very excited to help plan a binational event between Climate Kids-San Diego and Climate Kids-Mexico. Working with Amber Pairis at the Climate Science Alliance has been a great experience because we are working in a bi-regional level that enhances the relationship between two countries working together in harmony to make a difference. Students from different levels are learning about climate change together, playing, creating, and writing in a fun and constructive way.

The high school students that participated in the Climate Kids-Mexico project learned and developed their capacities to design a class, make educational materials, and develop their leadership and social skills to coordinate class activities. Elementary school kids from 4th, 5th and 6th grades had a great experience in learning about climate change and ways we can help to mitigate the effects through natural resource conservation. The kids play an active role in the project, relating with older students and learning in a different and collaborative way. It's also an effective way to engage the parents and the community in climate change awareness.

They all demonstrated respect, responsibility, team work, knowledge and values that are good for life. I am happy to continue working with Amber and the Climate Science Alliance to bring Climate Kids programs to my school in Tijuana, MX and hope you will consider funding this request.

Sincerely,
Profesora Aide Escalante
Environmental Educator at Escuela Verde project CBTis 146 y CBTis 155—Tijuana, Mexico