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SUPERVISOR DISTRICT THREE

April 13, 2016

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

**RE: PISMO PRESERVE (SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY) - SUPPORT FOR
USE OF STATE COASTAL CONSERVANCY FUNDS FOR ACCESS
INFRASTRUCTURE AND AMENITIES**

Dear Mr. Bosco,

As the elected 3rd District Supervisor for the County San Luis Obispo, California, I have in my district the Pismo Preserve. I strongly support the allocation of California State Coastal Conservancy funds towards the construction of access amenities at the Pismo Preserve, owned by the Land Conservancy of San Luis Obispo County (LCSLO). LCSLO plans to construct two parking areas, restrooms, and an ADA accessible trail this year in order to open the Pismo Preserve to the Public. Once open, the property will be operated as a public preserve with dawn-to-dusk access for passive outdoor recreation. These improvements are paramount, as they will provide access to stunning coastal vistas and oak woodlands to people near and far with all levels of physical ability.

This 880-acre public open space is adjacent to the City of Pismo Beach and within the Pismo Creek watershed, and would serve the entire Five Cities area including Pismo Beach, Arroyo Grande, Shell Beach, Grover Beach, and Oceano. These communities all have population densities much higher than the state average and represent the densest region in all of San Luis Obispo County. This region currently has no upland recreation trails or large open space areas. The Pismo Preserve will provide hiking, mountain biking, and horse-back riding opportunities on a scale not currently available in a region facing increasing development pressures. With outstanding views of the Pacific Ocean from the Pt San Luis Lighthouse to Pt Sal, eleven new miles of existing trails, and majestic oaks, this property offers a truly magnificent setting for the public to enjoy our coast, and we know it will be a popular place. A safe, sustainable, and enjoyable parking area and trailhead is critical to the successful management of the Pismo Preserve and the general safety and well-being of our visitors.

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In addition to providing \$1.5 million to the purchase of the property in 2014, my Board and County staff has committed significant time and resources to the planning and design effort of these improvements, and has agreed to waive all permit fees for permit processing and plan checks.

On behalf of my constituents, our central coast communities and visitors throughout California and beyond, I urge you to allocate California State Coastal Conservancy funding towards the creation of the critical amenities needed to open the Pismo Preserve.

Sincerely,

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ADAM HILL
District 3 Supervisor
San Luis Obispo County



From the Office of the City Manager

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April 18, 2016

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

Re: Support for the Allocation of State Coastal Conservancy funds towards the Construction of Access Amenities at the Pismo Preserve

As the City Manager of the City of Pismo Beach, I strongly support the allocation of California State Coastal Conservancy funds towards the construction of access amenities at the Pismo Preserve, owned by the Land Conservancy of San Luis Obispo County (LCSLO). LCSLO plans to construct two parking areas, restrooms, and an ADA accessible trail this year in order to open the Pismo Preserve to the Public. Once open, the property will be operated as a public preserve with dawn-to-dusk access for passive outdoor recreation.

This 880-acre site is directly adjacent to our City and will significantly enhance recreational opportunities for resident families and the tourists so important to our local economy. With phenomenal views of the Pacific Ocean from the Pt San Luis Lighthouse to Pt Sal, eleven miles of new trails, majestic oaks, and beautiful rugged terrain, this property offers a truly magnificent setting for the public to enjoy our coast, and we know it will be a popular destination. A safe and enjoyable parking area and trailhead is critical to the successful management of the Pismo Preserve and the general safety and well-being of our visitors.

In addition to our significant \$900,000 contribution to the purchase of the property in 2014, our City has also agreed to waive all encroachment permit fees for the construction project, has committed to serving water and sewer to the site, and has dedicated extensive staff support to the planning and design effort.

The Pismo Preserve will be a world-class amenity that supports the City's and State's vital tourism industry by encouraging greater visitation to the area. Local businesses, including hotels and restaurants along our shoreline, have expressed strong support for the project.

On behalf of our constituents and potential visitors from throughout California, I urge you to allocate California State Coastal Conservancy funding towards the creation of the critical amenities needed to open the Pismo Preserve.

Sincerely,

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James R. Lewis
City Manager
City of Pismo Beach



April 20, 2016

To:

Doug Bosco, Chair
State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, Ste. 1300
Oakland, CA 94612

Subject: Pismo Preserve (San Luis Obispo County) – Support for use of State Coastal Conservancy funds for access infrastructure and amenities

I'm writing to you on behalf of the Central Coast Concerned Mountain Bikers (CCCMB) to strongly support the allocation of California State Coastal Conservancy funds towards the construction of access amenities at the Pismo Preserve, owned by the Land Conservancy of San Luis Obispo County (LCSLO). LCSLO plans to construct two parking areas, restrooms, and an ADA accessible trail this year in order to open the Pismo Preserve to the public. Once open, the property will be operated as a public preserve with dawn-to-dusk access for passive outdoor recreation. These access improvements are paramount, as they will provide access to stunning coastal vistas and oak woodlands to people near and far with all levels of physical ability.

CCCMB works to expand the network of sustainable multi-use trails in San Luis Obispo County. CCCMB has, in the last year, partnered with the LCSLO to build the 11 mile trail system at the Pismo Preserve. To that end CCCMB volunteers have donated over 6,500 hours since January 4th, 2016. CCCMB's volunteers are cyclists, equestrians, hikers and runners, young and older who staunchly support the funding of the access amenities for several reasons. First and foremost the Pismo Preserve will provide much needed benefits to an under-served population in southern SLO County. It will make available the first multi-use trail system for south San Luis Obispo County and as such will promote healthy lifestyle opportunities and a variety of recreational options. Second, it is commonly understood that trails in natural areas inspire tourism. There is no doubt that the Preserve would serve to increase tourism in the area.

Exhibit 4: Project Letters

In addition to recreational, tourism and health benefits, our members ask that you help fund the access amenities because the Preserve will provide an opportunity for folks to explore and learn about a natural area (with spectacular views) which has been previously off limits to the public. Access to the Preserve's natural resources and open space will become increasingly important as the South County becomes more and more developed and its population (already the densest in the County) continues to expand. The fact that in three months 234 citizens volunteered to do challenging physical labor at the Preserve is proof-positive that they see the Preserve as a huge community resource.

On behalf of outdoor and nature enthusiasts from up and down the Central Coast we urge you to help fund amenities needed to open the Pismo Preserve.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Greg Bettencourt

Central Coast Concerned Mountain Bikers



Backcountry Horsemen of California

April 22, 2016

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

RE: Pismo Preserve Project (San Luis Obispo County)- Support for use of State Coastal Conservancy Funds for Access Infrastructure and Amenities.

Dear Mr. Bosco,

We strongly support the allocation of California State Coastal Conservancy funds towards the construction of access amenities at the Pismo Preserve, owned by the Land Conservancy of San Luis Obispo County (LCSLO). To allow the public access to stunning coastal vistas and oak woodlands, LCSLO is looking to construct two parking areas, restrooms, and an ADA accessible trail. Their goal is to have the property open this fall. All user groups will be welcome on the property, including hikers, equestrians, mountain bikers, trail runners and everyone else who enjoys and appreciates outdoor recreation.

This 880-acre public open space is adjacent to the City of Pismo Beach and would serve our communities that have population densities much higher than the state average and represent the densest region in all of San Luis Obispo County.

The public support for this project has been overwhelming. Support started with fund raising from sources including high school students, user groups, local cities and the County, and statewide agencies. That support continued with the construction of eleven miles of new single track trails – much of that eleven miles completed within three months with 6,000+ hours of volunteer help.

On behalf our central coast communities and visitors, we urge you to allocate California State Coastal Conservancy funding towards the creation of the critical amenities needed to open the Pismo Preserve.

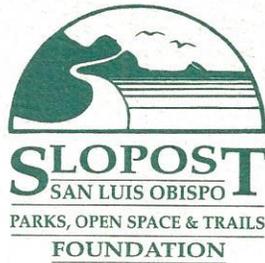
Sincerely,

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Kaye Bruns
President, BCHC Los Padres Unit

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April 21, 2016

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

Subject: Pismo Preserve Project (San Luis Obispo County)- Support for use of State Coastal Conservancy Funds for Access Infrastructure and Amenities

Dear Mr. Bosco,

We strongly support the allocation of California State Coastal Conservancy funds to help complete the construction of the access amenities for the Pismo Preserve, owned and managed by the Land Conservancy of San Luis Obispo County.

These funds are needed to complete construction of the two parking areas, restrooms and ADA accessible trail and ADA parking so that the Pismo Preserve can open to the public later this year.

There is a great need for public recreation in the Five Cities area that is non-motorized and open to hiking, biking, equestrians and dogs on leash. Pismo Preserve will provide the peace and quiet for passive recreation that is not available to our community because most of our coastal area is open to motorized vehicles which is completely the opposite of what the Pismo Preserve will provide.

There has been tremendous public support for the this project with over 6000+ volunteer hours helping to build 11 miles of trails on the preserve.

Please help our community complete this project and open the Pismo Preserve later this year. We are all anxiously awaiting to experience the Pismo Preserve.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kathy Longacre". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Kathy Longacre, President
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April 20, 2016

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

Subject: Pismo Preserve Project (San Luis Obispo County) – Support for use of State Coastal Conservancy Funds for Access Infrastructure and Amenities

Dear Mr. Bosco,

We strongly support the allocation of California State Coastal Conservancy funds towards the construction of access amenities at the Pismo Preserve, owned by the Land Conservancy of San Luis Obispo County (LCSLO).

To allow the public access to this amazing property, LCSLO is looking to construct two parking areas, restrooms, and an ADA accessible trail, with the goal of having the property open this fall. All passive user groups will be welcome on the property, including hikers, equestrians, mountain bikers, trail runners, and everyone else who enjoys and appreciates outdoor recreation. Providing access to people of all levels of physical ability strengthens our entire community.

The public support for this project has been overwhelming. Support started with fund raising from sources including high school students, user groups, local cities and the County, and statewide agencies. That support continued with the construction of eleven miles of new single track trails – much of that eleven miles completed within three months with 6,000+ hours of volunteer help.

On behalf of our central coast communities and visitors, we urge you to allocate California State Coastal Conservancy funding towards the creation of the critical amenities needed to open the Pismo Preserve.

Sincerely,

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Kathy Redden
Vice President

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