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March 25, 2016

Karyn A. L. Gear
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
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Dear Ms. Gear,

RE: Eureka Coastal Development Project

It was my pleasure to meet you this past week in Eureka at the meeting with Senator McGuire and City Manager Sparks. The City of Eureka truly appreciates what the Coastal Conservancy does for our state and our community. Our coast is worth protecting and we view ourselves as integral partners in that mission.

I want to reassure you the Eureka Police Department (EPD) fully appreciates and understands the importance of protecting coastal assets. This is especially true of given the investment the State of California has poured into the trails along the coast. The City and EPD has consistently dedicated resources to ensure that safety along the trail is maintained. We also understand from a crime control standpoint that greater use of the trail by the average citizen, will displaced criminal elements from the trail. The idea of natural surveillance is well documented in Situational Crime prevention models as being successful.

If the Conservancy grants Eureka's request for funding, EPD is fully committed to ensure your investment is protected and will act as a catalyst toward bring enjoyment to the citizens of Eureka and all those who visit our town.

All the best,

Andrew G. Mills
Chief of Police

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April 27, 2016

Douglas Bosco, Chair
State Coastal Conservancy
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To whom it may concern,

I am writing in support of the Conservancy Grant application for the City of Eureka's Waterfront Trail. The Natural Resources Services Division of the Redwood Community Action Agency (NRS-RCAA) has been an advocate and collaborative partner of the City of Eureka and the Waterfront Trail Project as it has continued to develop over the years.

I understand that the goal of the Conservancy is to preserve, protect, and restore the resources of the California coast and ocean and to provide coastal access. The Eureka Waterfront Trail is a prime candidate for meeting all of the aforementioned goals associated with the Conservancy, as well as serving to advance RCAA's primary goals as an agency.

The mission of the Natural Resources Division of RCAA is to work towards healthy communities and healthy watersheds. The development of multi-use public trails has been a key goal of NRS-RCAA strategy for over 30 years. NRS-RCAA pioneered the collaborative groundwork for multi-use trails with the County of Humboldt and the City of Eureka via planning documents:

- Humboldt Bay Trail Feasibility Study (RCAA, 2001 for the SCC)
- Hammond Coastal Trail Feasibility Study (RCAA, 2001 for the SCC)
- Annie & Mary Rail-Trail Feasibility Study (RCAA, 2003 for the SCC)
- Linking Land and Sea – A Coastal Resources Assessment (RCAA, 2004 for the SCC)
- Eureka Waterfront Trail & Promenade Recommendations (RCAA, 2005 for City of Eureka)
- Humboldt County Coastal Trail Implementation Strategy (RCAA, 2011 for the SCC)
- Parcel 4 Feasibility Analysis (RCAA, Greenway Partners, City of Eureka, 2012)
- Little River Trail Feasibility Study (RCAA, 2014 for the SCC)

Over the course of the last several decades the City of Eureka has significantly grown its internal capacity to plan and implement trails. In the last five years, NRS-RCAA has continued to support the City of Eureka and funders, including the SCC, to develop construction-level plans and implement trail construction in Eureka. Recent collaborative projects have included:

- The Hikshari Trail (RCAA, SHN, City of Eureka 2013 for Natural Resources Agency)
- The Waterfront Trail C St to Del Norte (RCAA, GHD, City of Eureka 2014)
- Palco Marsh Trail Improvements (RCAA, City of Eureka 2015)
- McFarlan Trail adjacent to Eureka Dog Park (RCAA, City of Eureka 2015)

The City of Eureka Waterfront Trail, including the above trail segments and its spurs are part of the larger California Coastal Trail. The City of Eureka's Waterfront Trail creates coastal access and a safer Eureka.

Exhibit 2: Project Letters

In particular, the parallel route of the trail itself, it's bay front view, convenient and frequent access points, as well as the opportunity to cross US 101 without ever having to encounter the highway's auto traffic, will also encourage bicyclist and pedestrians to utilize the trail as their primary route of transportation.

This trail will serve to enhance public health, ensuring that disadvantaged communities fully share in the benefits of the program by providing access points within close proximity of disadvantaged communities, who can take full advantage of health benefits associated with the trails many no-cost transportation and recreational opportunities.

I am pleased to support and participate in the City's Conservancy grant application process and encourage your support of this worthwhile project, one that is sure to not only achieve the many goals of the Conservancy, but will ensure a stronger, safer and more connective community. If you have any questions or if there is anything else I can do to support this project, please contact me at the telephone number or e-mail in the letterhead.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Craig Benson". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Craig Benson, NRS Director

Redwood Community Action Agency



April 26, 2016

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

To whom it may concern,

I am writing in support of the Conservancy Grant application for the City of Eureka's Waterfront Trail. The Humboldt Trails Council has been a collaborative partner of the City of Eureka and the Waterfront Trail Project. Our Volunteer Trail Stewards manage and maintain existing sections of the trail already to ensure safe and pleasant environment for recreation and education by the public.

I understand that the goal of the Conservancy is to preserve, protect and restore the resources of the California coast and ocean and to provide coastal access. The Eureka Waterfront Trail is a prime candidate for meeting Conservancy objectives, as well as playing a central role in Humboldt Trails Council's goal of a connected, county-wide non-motorized trail network.

The Eureka Waterfront Trail will follow unique bayside landscapes and will ultimately restore much of the bayside beauty sacrificed for industrial use in the previous century. Our coastal and inland waterways and marshes meet along the edges of this pathway providing incredible natural interaction for all ages and economic backgrounds. From cycle tourists experiencing this area for the first time to curious elementary kids on field or family trips, all will be exposed to magic of our bayside coastlands first hand.

The parallel route of the trail itself, it's bay front view, convenient and frequent access points, as well as the opportunity to cross US 101 without ever having to encounter the highway's auto traffic, will also encourage bicyclist and pedestrians to utilize the trail as a primary transportation route. This connectivity will play a major role in enhancing the safety and enjoyment of the lands closest to Humboldt Bay.

As a recreational asset, this trail will enhance public health by providing a lengthy connective pathway on relatively flat land linking business and residential districts between the Southern and Northern borders of Eureka. Disadvantaged communities will be able to fully share in the benefits of the program with multiple access points and essentially free transportation and recreational opportunities.

I am pleased to support and participate in the City's Conservancy grant application process and encourage your support of this worthwhile project. We believe the Conservancy will agree this project aligns well with Conservancy Grant objectives. If you have any questions or if there is anything else I can do to support this project, please contact me Humboldt Trails Council here.

Sincerely,


Dave Hayes / President
Humboldt Trails Council

