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June 30, 2016

Doug Bosco  
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 1330 Broadway, Floor 13  
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**Subject: Support for Bay Area Ridge Trail – Vallejo Bluffs Design**

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I am writing to convey our strong support for a Coastal Conservancy grant to the City of Vallejo for planned 1.5-mile joint Ridge Trail/Bay Trail section along the Carquinez Strait in Solano County.

This is one of two remaining joint Bay/Ridge Trail gaps on the Solano side of the Carquinez Scenic Loop Trail, which connects the shorelines of Vallejo and Benicia on the north side of the strait. It is anticipated that this section will also become part of the Great California Delta Trail alignment. The Vallejo Bluffs trail section will connect east and west Vallejo across Interstate-80, and help make connections from the existing Bay/Ridge Trail along the Carquinez Strait to the bicycle/pedestrian trail on the Al Zampa bridge and the Bay Trail along Mare Island Strait. Design will also enable a future trail connection to neighborhoods to the northeast.

Both the Ridge Trail and Bay Trail systems are themselves designated as "Priority Conservation Areas" (PCAs), a component of *Plan Bay Area*, because they help provide natural resource, scenic, recreational, and/or ecological values and ecosystem functions. This particular trail section will also help implement the Solano County Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan, and will be consistent with the City of Vallejo's General Plan Update that is now underway.

Exhibit 3: Project Letters

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State Coastal Conservancy  
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The Bay Area Ridge Trail, and this section in particular, is important to the Delta Protection Commission because of its significant contribution to regional recreation values. It also provides a useful connection across Interstate-80, enhancing mobility options and opportunities for active living. Additionally, the Commission foresees the Carquinez Strait as the gateway and beginning link in the Great California Delta Trail alignment, which is planned to connect the San Francisco Bay Trail System to the Sacramento River trails in Yolo and Sacramento Counties.

Thank you for your support of the Ridge Trail.

Sincerely,

Erik Vink  
Executive Director

cc: Moira McEnespy, Bay Area Ridge Trail Council  
Ben Johnson, Mayor City of Pittsburg and Commission member  
Skip Thomson, Solano County Board of Supervisors and Commission Vice-Chair

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August 22, 2016

Doug Bosco  
Chair, State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, Floor 13  
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The Bay Area Ridge Trail, and this section in particular, is important to the Greater Vallejo Recreation District because of its significant contribution to regional recreation values. It also provides a useful connection across Interstate-80, enhancing mobility options and opportunities for active living.

Thank you so much for all your support of the Ridge Trail!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shane McAfee", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

cc: Moira McEnespy, Bay Area Ridge Trail Council



# SOLANO OPEN SPACE

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June 29, 2016

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1330 Broadway, Floor 13  
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

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While this section of the Bay Area Ridge Trail (BART) is not located within the Solano Open Space boundary, the SOS planning area does contain a portion of the BART. SOS is certainly benefited by, and supportive of, any efforts elsewhere in Solano County to further connect sections of the BART, providing greater public use and enjoyment of the trail corridor on a regional level. The BART, and this section in particular, is important to Solano Open Space because of its significant contribution to regional recreation values.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this letter of support.

Sincerely,

Matt Walsh, Principal Planner  
Solano County Department of Resource Management/SOS Staff

cc: Moira McEnespy, Bay Area Ridge Trail Council