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March 21, 2016

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

Re: The Nature Conservancy Application for Proposition 1 Grant Funding – Ormond Beach
Acquisition of 561-acre Southland Sod Property

Dear Mr. Bosco:

I am writing this letter of introduction on behalf of The Nature Conservancy, a nonprofit organization committed to environmental conservation.

It is my understanding that The Nature Conservancy is applying for funding from the California State Coastal Conservancy for Proposition 1 grant funding to acquire the 561-acre Southland Sod property at Ormond Beach, Ventura County. The property acquisition funded by this grant would be a critical step to reaching the goal of restoring as much habitat as possible at Ormond Beach.

I am told that acquiring the 561-acre Southland Sod property will complete the acquisition puzzle at Ormond Beach, allowing for future wetland restoration that will provide multiple benefits prioritized by the community and the many partners and stakeholders working to conserve and restore the largest wetland area in Southern California. Permanently protecting and restoring Ormond Beach, including this property, will not only safeguard an important ecological resource, but also improve the quality of life and enhance public access to the coast for residents of Ventura County and beyond.

I recognize that the Ormond Beach Southland Sod acquisition and future wetland restoration will provide multiple benefits prioritized by the California State Coastal Conservancy for its Proposition 1 funding, including ecological conservation of one of the largest wetland areas in Southern California, climate change adaptation, and public access for recreation and education.

I appreciate your full and fair consideration of The Nature Conservancy's grant proposal for Proposition 1 grant funding to acquire the 561-acre Southland Sod property at Ormond Beach.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Julia Brownley", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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Member of Congress

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March 21, 2016

California State Coastal Conservancy
Attn: Proposition 1 Grant Review Committee
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

Re: The Nature Conservancy Application for Proposition 1 Grant Funding – Ormond Beach Acquisition of 561-acre Southland Sod Property

To Whom It May Concern:

As the State Senator representing the 19th Senate District, which includes the western portion of Ventura County, I am writing to support The Nature Conservancy (“TNC”) application for Proposition 1 grant funding to acquire the 561-acre Southland Sod property at Ormond Beach in Ventura County. I have supported TNC and the California State Coastal Conservancy for many years to protect the Ormond Beach area. The property acquisition funded by this grant would be a critical step to restore as much habitat as possible at Ormond Beach.

Acquiring the 561-acre Southland Sod property will complete the property acquisition at Ormond Beach, allowing for future wetland restoration that will provide multiple benefits prioritized by the community and the many partners and stakeholders working to conserve and restore the largest wetland area in Southern California. Sadly, Ormond Beach has historically been a dumping ground for polluting industries and the South Oxnard community near Ormond Beach bears the brunt of this legacy. More generally, approximately 17% of the City’s residents live below the poverty line. Almost 75% are Latino and 37% foreign-born. One in four children live in poverty. Permanently protecting and restoring the Ormond Beach, including the Property, will not only protect an important ecological resource, but also enhance public access to the coast for these residents and thus improve the quality of life for the community.

The Ormond Beach Southland Sod acquisition and future wetland restoration will provide multiple benefits prioritized by the California State Coastal Conservancy for its Proposition 1 funding, including ecological conservation of one of the largest wetland areas in Southern California, climate change adaptation, and public access for recreation and education.

I encourage your support of TNC’s application and this important coastal area.

Sincerely,


Hannah-Beth Jackson
State Senator, 19th District

cc: Lily Verdone, Coastal Project Director, The Nature Conservancy

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March 25, 2016

California State Coastal Conservancy
Attn: Proposition 1 Grant Review Committee
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

Re: The Nature Conservancy Application for Proposition 1 Grant Funding – Ormond Beach Acquisition of 561-acre Southland Sod Property

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the 44th District of the California State Assembly, I am writing to support The Nature Conservancy (“TNC”) application for Proposition 1 grant funding to acquire the 561-acre Southland Sod property at Ormond Beach, Ventura County. I support TNC and the California State Coastal Conservancy for the protection of the Ormond Beach area. The property acquisition funded by this grant would be a critical step to reaching our mutual goal of restoring as much habitat as possible at Ormond Beach.

Acquiring the 561-acre Southland Sod property will complete the acquisition puzzle at Ormond Beach, allowing for future wetland restoration that will provide multiple benefits prioritized by the community and the many partners and stakeholders working to conserve and restore the largest wetland area in Southern California. Approximately 17% of the City’s residents live below the poverty line. Almost 75% are Latino and 37% foreign-born. One in four children live in poverty. Permanently protecting and restoring the Ormond Beach, including the Property, will not only protect an important ecological resource, but also improve the quality of life and enhance public access to the coast for these residents.

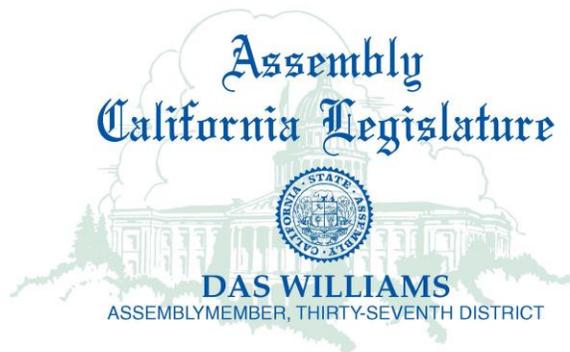
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I encourage your support of TNC’s application and this important coastal area.

Sincerely,

JACQUI IRWIN
California State Assembly, AD 44

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March 24, 2016

California State Coastal Conservancy
Attn: Proposition 1 Grant Review Committee
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

Re: The Nature Conservancy Application for Proposition 1 Grant Funding –
Ormond Beach Acquisition of 561-acre Southland Sod Property

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the 37th Assembly District, I am writing to support The Nature Conservancy (“TNC”) application for Proposition 1 grant funding to acquire the 561-acre Southland Sod property at Ormond Beach, Ventura County. My office has supported TNC and the California State Coastal Conservancy for the past 6 years to protect the Ormond Beach area. The property acquisition funded by this grant would be a critical step to reaching our mutual goal of restoring as much habitat as possible at Ormond Beach.

Acquiring the 561-acre Southland Sod property will complete the acquisition puzzle at Ormond Beach, allowing for future wetland restoration that will provide multiple benefits prioritized by the community and the many partners and stakeholders working to conserve and restore the largest wetland area in Southern California. Ormond Beach has historically been a dumping ground for polluting industries and the South Oxnard community near Ormond Beach bears the brunt of this legacy. More generally, approximately 17% of the City’s residents live below the poverty line. Almost 75% are Latino and 37% foreign-born. One in four children live in poverty. Permanently protecting and restoring the Ormond Beach, including the Property, will not only protect an important ecological resource, but also improve the quality of life and enhance public access to the coast for these residents.

The Ormond Beach Southland Sod acquisition and future wetland restoration will provide multiple benefits prioritized by the California State Coastal Conservancy for its Proposition 1 funding, including ecological conservation of one of the largest wetland areas in Southern California, climate change adaptation, and public access for recreation and education.

I encourage your support of TNC's application and this important coastal area.

Sincerely,

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Das Williams

37th California Assembly District

cc: Lily Verdone, Coastal Project Director, The Nature Conservancy



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
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Proposition 1 Grant Review Committee
California State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

Dear Committee Members:

**SUBJECT: THE NATURE CONSERVANCY APPLICATION FOR PROPOSITION 1
GRANT FUNDING ORMOND BEACH WETLAND ACQUISITION**

As Commanding Officer of Naval Base Ventura County (NBVC), I am responsible for ensuring operational capabilities for the Department of Defense at NBVC are protected.

NBVC is a premier Naval installation composed of three main operating facilities, Point Mugu, Port Hueneme, and San Nicolas Island, located in Ventura County. NBVC Point Mugu maintains two runways, provides a realistic training environment for active and reserve aviation units of the Navy and California Air National Guard, and provides direct connectivity to the 36,000-square mile Point Mugu Sea Range. NBVC Point Mugu's primary mission is to provide the highest quality support for aircraft and test range operations at its installation and surrounding national airspace.

In 2011, the Navy entered into an Encroachment Protection Agreement (EPA) with The Nature Conservancy (TNC) and Trust for Public Land for the purpose of acquiring long-term interests in lands within the vicinity of, or ecologically related to, NBVC. In 2015, the City of Oxnard signed onto the EPA. This partnership seeks to obtain easements or other interests in land that preserve critical buffer areas to limit incompatible development and protect valuable habitat.

The 561-acre Southland Sod property is located northwest of the Point Mugu Runway 09/27 within the Approach and Departure Clearance Surfaces and the Military Influence Area. Though the property falls outside of noise thresholds for compatible use, the property may be subject to noise disturbance from overflights at the airfield. Development pressure to convert agricultural parcels may lead to incompatible residential or other uses and affect military training and operational missions. Restoration of Ormond Beach wetlands proposed by TNC is expected to create additional habitat for threatened & endangered species and reduce the burden on NBVC to manage listed species on-base. Restoration may also attract birds away from the Point Mugu airfield, reducing potential risk of Bird Aircraft Strike Hazards.

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Proposition 1 grant funding from the California State Coastal Conservancy will facilitate TNC acquisition of the Southland Sod property, which along with an associated restrictive use easement the Navy would seek to acquire through the Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration program, will preserve compatible land use and protect valuable habitat.

For these reasons, I strongly endorse TNC's application for Proposition 1 grant funding from the California State Coastal Conservancy to acquire the Southland Sod property at Ormond Beach, Ventura County.

If you require additional information, please contact Ms. Amanda Fagan, Community Planning Liaison Officer, at (805) 989-9752 or by electronic mail: amanda.fagan@navy.mil.

Sincerely,



C. D. JANKE

cc:
Lily Verdone, Coastal Project Director, The Nature Conservancy



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March 24, 2016

California State Coastal Conservancy
Attn: Proposition 1 Grant Review Committee
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

Re: The Nature Conservancy Application for Proposition 1 Grant Funding – Ormond Beach Acquisition of 561-acre Southland Sod Property

Dear Proposition 1 Grant Review Committee:

I am a Ventura County Supervisor, representing the Third District that includes the location of The Nature Conservancy's (TNC) Proposition 1 grant funding application to acquire the 561-acre Southland Sod property at Ormond Beach. I am writing in support for this significant and multi-benefit acquisition application. For over two decades I have worked to protect the Ormond Beach coastal area for habitat restoration and enhancement. To achieve this, I have actively collaborated with California State Coastal Conservancy (SCC), TNC, and a number of community and organization stakeholders, including the Ormond Beach Task Force. The property acquisition funded by this grant would be a critical step to reaching our mutual goal of Ormond Beach wetland restoration. Acquisition will help to provide multiple benefits including, increasing community and agricultural resilience to climate change, ecological conservation, and other ecosystem benefits.

Acquiring the 561-acre Southland Sod property will complete the acquisition puzzle at Ormond Beach, I support TNC application because it will:

- Provide a critical link toward wetland restoration, helping advance the implementation of investment and leadership that SCC has provided for Ormond Beach wetland restoration.
- Leverage significant matching funds from non-state sources.
- Provide a significant economic development and public benefit value for the community. Approximately 17% of the City of Oxnard residents live below the poverty line. Almost 75% are Latino and 37% foreign-born. One in four children live in poverty.
- Create opportunities to improve quality of life and enhance public access to, and educational awareness of, the coast.
- Increase resilience to climate change. At this time, no other coastal wetland project in southern California has the amount of land available as the Ormond Beach area to accommodate a rise in sea-level and still maintain a full breadth of wetland functions.

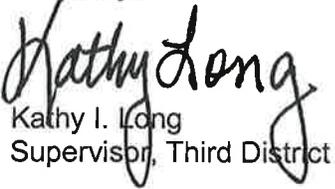
The Ormond Beach Southland Sod acquisition and future wetland restoration fulfills the priorities set forth by the California State Coastal Conservancy for its Proposition 1 funding, including

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ecological conservation and restoration of one of the largest wetland areas in Southern California, climate change adaptation, and public access for recreation and education.

I urge funding this TNC grant application for the Ormond Beach acquisition that truly upholds the community and stakeholders long-standing vision to enhance the quality of life by improving the economy and promoting sustainable, environmental objectives. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


Kathy I. Long
Supervisor, Third District

cc: Lily Verdone, Coastal Project Director, The Nature Conservancy

Tim Flynn
Mayor



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March 29, 2016

California State Coastal Conservancy
Attn: Proposition 1 Grant Review Committee
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

Re: The Nature Conservancy Application for Proposition 1 Grant Funding – Ormond Beach Wetland Acquisition

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of The City of Oxnard, I am writing to support The Nature Conservancy (“TNC”) application for Proposition 1 grant funding to acquire the Southland Sod property at Ormond Beach, Ventura County. The City has worked with TNC and the California State Coastal Conservancy for over a decade to protect the Ormond Beach area. The property acquisition funded by this grant would be a critical step to reaching our mutual goal of restoring as much habitat as possible at Ormond Beach.

The City’s commitment to restoring and permanently protecting Ormond Beach is reflected in its long-range planning. Oxnard’s 2030 General Plan identifies GOAL CD-22 (Environmentally sound Ormond Beach wetlands with appropriate public access) and implementing Policy CD-22.2 (Develop an Ormond Beach Visitor Access Plan). In addition, the 2030 General Plan includes GOAL ER-4 (Protected, restored, and enhanced sensitive habitat areas) with several implementing policies that are relevant to the Ormond Beach area, including Policy ER-4.1 (Encourage Protection of Sensitive Habitat), Policy ER-4.5 (Planning in Sensitive Areas).

The Ormond Beach acquisition and wetland restoration will provide multiple benefits prioritized by the California State Coastal Conservancy for its Proposition 1 funding, including ecological conservation of one of the largest wetland areas in Southern California, climate change adaptation, and public access for recreation and education.

I encourage your support of TNC’s application and this important coastal area.

Sincerely,

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Tim Flynn
Mayor

cc: Lily Verdone, Project Director, The Nature Conservancy



March 17, 2016

California State Coastal Conservancy
Attn: Proposition 1 Grant Review Committee
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

Re: The Nature Conservancy Application for Proposition 1 Grant Funding – Ormond Beach Acquisition of 561-acre Southland Sod Property

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of Ventura Audubon Society, I am writing to support The Nature Conservancy (“TNC”) application for Proposition 1 grant funding to acquire the 561-acre Southland Sod property at Ormond Beach, Ventura County. The Ventura Audubon Society has worked with TNC and the California State Coastal Conservancy for over a decade to protect the Ormond Beach area. The property acquisition funded by this grant would be a critical step to reaching our mutual goal of restoring as much habitat as possible at Ormond Beach.

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I encourage your support of TNC's application and this important coastal area.

Sincerely,

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Bruce E. Schoppé
President

cc: Lily Verdone, Coastal Project Director, The Nature Conservancy



Ventura County Chapter

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March 30, 2016

California State Coastal Conservancy
Attn: Proposition 1 Grant Review Committee
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Re: The Nature Conservancy Application for Proposition 1 Grant Funding – Ormond Beach Acquisition of 561-acre Southland Sod Property

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of Ventura Chapter of the Surfrider Foundation, I am writing to support The Nature Conservancy ("TNC") application for Proposition 1 grant funding to acquire the 561-acre Southland Sod property at Ormond Beach, Ventura County. Ventura Surfrider has supported TNC and the California State Coastal Conservancy for eight years to protect the Ormond Beach area. The property acquisition funded by this grant would be a critical step to reaching our mutual goal of restoring as much habitat as possible at Ormond Beach.

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I encourage your support of TNC's application and this important coastal area.

Sincerely,

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Sadie Iverson

Chair, Ventura Chapter

cc: Lily Verdone, Coastal Project Director, The Nature Conservancy

The Surfrider Foundation is a non-profit grassroots organization dedicated to the protection and preservation of our world's oceans, waves and beaches. Founded in 1984 by a handful of visionary surfers, the Surfrider Foundation now maintains over 35,000 members and 60 chapters across the United States and Puerto Rico, with international affiliates in Australia, Europe, Japan and Brazil. For an overview of the Ventura Chapter's current programs and events, log on to our website at www.surfrider.org/ventura.