August 24, 2020

Mr. Sam Schuchat
Executive Officer
State Coastal Conservancy
1515 Clay Street, 10th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Schuchat,

As the City Manager representing the City of Imperial Beach, I am writing this letter to convey my support for the County’s application to the Coastal Conservancy (Item #10) to fund an analysis to determine the best way to connect the California Coastal Trail through the Tijuana River Valley Regional Park (TRVRP) to Border Field State Park and ultimately the coast.

In 2012 and 2013, the Coastal Conservancy granted the County of San Diego a total of $1.95 million for the development of today’s 6.75 miles of trails that are now interconnected with 22.5 miles of trails within the TRVRP. This existing trail network includes several connections that bring trail users south into the TRVRP from Imperial Beach and the community of San Ysidro. However, existing conditions at each of these connection points prevents year-round southerly access for trail users. It is the overall goal of the County’s current efforts to provide a larger improvement, such as a bridge, at one of the potential north-south crossing points, which would ultimately help to close an approximately two-mile gap of the California Coastal Trail by utilizing existing County trails.

The completion of the California Coastal Trail within the Tijuana River Valley is an important and long sought goal for the County, as the complete trail will provide opportunities for recreation, active transportation, and education; all of which contribute to improving the quality of life for residents and visitors to the region. I appreciate the opportunity to convey my support and request the approval for Item 10.

Thank you for your attention to this letter and consideration.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Andy Hall
City Manager
Letter of Support for the Coastal Trail Grant Application  
August 11th, 2020  

Sam Schuchat, Executive Officer  
State Coastal Conservancy  
1515 Clay St., 10th Floor.  
Oakland, Ca. 94612  

Dear Mr. Schuchat,  

On behalf of the Tijuana River Valley Equestrian Association I would very much like to express my support for the grant application for the South San Diego Coastal Trail Feasibility Study Project by the County of San Diego.  

We are an equestrian group located in the area of the Tijuana River Valley Regional Park. We are dedicated to the preservation and improvement of this unique coastal area. This trail system is a valuable resource for horseback riders, cyclists and hikers throughout San Diego County.  

The trail system is extensive but two of the three north/south river crossings are subject to severe winter flooding. The third crossing is on a narrow road bridge with fairly heavy traffic. There are actually two bridges. One has a trail bridge alongside, which works very well, but the other does not even have a shoulder. This whole situation really limits the usability of the trail system. Winter flooding often renders the off road crossings unusable for many months even after the rains have ended.  

We feel that something that’s as important as the California Coastal Trail should be complete and usable year round. This project is focused on solving this problem. It would also be a tremendous enhancement to the entire trail system in this area for people to enjoy for many years to come. We hope that you will see as much value in this project as we do!  

Sincerely,  

Victoria H. Krauss, TRVEA Vice President  
Tijuana River Valley Equestrian Assoc.  
C/O Driftwood Ranch  
2191 Hollister St.  
San Diego, Ca. 92154
September 1, 2020

Mr. Sam Schuchat
Executive Officer
Coastal Conservancy
1515 Clay Street, 10th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Schuchat,

As the Supervisor for the County of San Diego (County) representing District 1, I am writing to convey my strong support for the County's application to the Coastal Conservancy (Item #10, September 3, 2020) to fund a feasibility plan for a California Coastal Trail crossing of the Tijuana River in the Tijuana River Valley Regional Park (TRVRP) in San Diego County.

The County and our residents value our interconnected trails in the TRVRP, and currently there is a lack of North to South connections that would allow our residents to enjoy these vast trails year-round. The goal is to determine the safest and most reliable connection for the California Coastal Trail through the TRVRP to Border Field State Park, and ultimately the coast.

Grant funding for that pathway would also encourage residents and visitors alike to increase trail use, as we proudly see the completion of our Tijuana River Valley Regional Park Campground at end of the year that will link Border Field State Park to the campground and surrounding trails. Our new campground will span 79 acres and will feature dozens of tent, RV, yurt and equestrian campsites, with nature education opportunities, an amphitheater, a restroom and other amenities.

I appreciate the opportunity to convey my strong support and request for the approval of Item #10. Completing the California Coastal Trail has been a long-time goal for the County. It aligns with our goal to promote healthy, safe and thriving environments that allow residents and visitors to enjoy opportunities for recreation, active transportation, and education.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

GREG COX
Chairman
September 1, 2020

Mr. Sam Schuchat
Executive Officer
Coastal Conservancy
1515 Clay Street, 10th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Schuchat,

I am writing this letter to convey my support for San Diego County’s (County) application to the Coastal Conservancy (Item #10) to fund an analysis to determine the best way to connect the California Coastal Trail through the Tijuana River Valley Regional Park (TRVPN) to Border Field State Park and ultimately the coast.

In 2012 and 2013, the Coastal Conservancy granted the County of San Diego a total of $1.95 million for the development of 6.75 miles of trails that are now interconnected with 22.5 miles of trails within the TRVPN. This existing trail network includes several connections that bring trail users south into the TRVPN from Imperial Beach and the community of San Ysidro. However, existing conditions at each of these connection points prevents year-round southerly access for trail users. It is the overall goal of the County’s current efforts to provide a larger improvement, such as a bridge, at one of the potential north-south crossing points, which would ultimately help to close an approximately two-mile gap of the California Coastal Trail by utilizing existing County trails.

The completion of the California Coastal Trail within the Tijuana River Valley is an important and long-sought goal for the County and region, as the complete trail will provide opportunities for recreation, active transportation, and education - all of which contribute to improving the quality of life for residents and visitors to the region. I appreciate the opportunity to convey my support, and request your approval of Item 10. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Kevin L. Faulconer
Mayor
August 25, 2020

Mr. Sam Schuchat
Executive Officer
Coastal Conservancy
1515 Clay Street, 10th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Schuchat,

The Southwest Wetlands Interpretive Association (SWIA) is submitting this letter in support of the County’s application to the Coastal Conservancy (Item #10) to fund an analysis to determine the best way to connect the California Coastal Trail through the TRVRP to Border Field State Park and ultimately the coast.

In 2012 and 2013, the Coastal Conservancy granted the County of San Diego a total of $1.95 million for the development of today's 6.75 miles of trails that are now interconnected with 22.5 miles of trails within the TRVRP. This existing trail network includes several connections that bring trail users south into the TRVRP from Imperial Beach and the community of San Ysidro. However, existing conditions at each of these connection points prevents year-round southerly access for trail users. It is the overall goal of the County's current efforts to provide a larger improvement, such as a bridge, at one of the potential north-south crossing points, which would ultimately help to close an approximately two-mile gap of the California Coastal Trail by utilizing existing County trails.

The completion of the California Coastal Trail within the Tijuana River Valley is an important and long-sought goal for the County, as the complete trail will provide opportunities for recreation, active transportation, and education; all of which contribute to improving the quality of life for residents and visitors to the region. We appreciate the opportunity to convey our support and request the approval of Item 10.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Michael A. McCoy
President

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