Dear Chairman Bosco:

The National Park Service (NPS) is pleased to extend this letter of support for the grant application submitted by the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy (Conservancy) for the Hawk Hill Visitor Improvement Project: Phase III.

Hawk Hill Phase III will expand educational opportunities through enhanced wayfinding and interpretive materials; improve sustainability and accessibility of trails, overlooks and seating; rehabilitate historic structures; and protect and enhance natural and cultural resources.

This project rehabilitates the unique WWII era Battery Commander Station and the last remaining elevated Nike Radar Platform within Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA). This Project component will remediate hazardous materials such as lead paint on historic structures and in the surrounding soil, protecting unique habitat which supports a wide array of wildlife, including the endangered Mission blue butterfly. A grant from the Coastal Conservancy will fund both stormwater and biological monitoring related to the construction elements of the Project. Funding will also be utilized to propagate native plants, prepare fill soil, and revegetate improvement areas. This project also supports access and programs that utilize Hawk Hill as an outdoor classroom for all ages.

The Conservancy has a strong track record of raising funds and being a partner to NPS in the planning and implementation of major priority projects at GGNRA, notably the restoration of Crissy Field (San Francisco), Mori Point (San Mateo County), Redwood Creek watershed (Marin County), Presidio Trails (including California Coastal Trail) and Lands End (San Francisco).

This project at Hawk Hill in the Marin Headlands will directly enhance the myriad benefits of these extraordinary public lands. Therefore, we strongly encourage the State Coastal Conservancy to approve the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy grant request.

Sincerely,

Laura E. Joss
General Superintendent
November 23, 2021

Douglas Bosco, Chairman
State Coastal Conservancy
1515 Clay Street, 10th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612-1401

RE: Support for Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy Project at Hawk Hill

Dear Chairman Bosco,

As the Supervisor for Southern Marin, I would like to express my enthusiastic support for the grant application submitted by the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy for the Hawk Hill Visitor Improvement Project: Phase III. This is an exciting opportunity to improve and protect a resource that is visited by people from across the globe, including many Marin County and Bay Area residents. In particular, the proposed Project will expand educational opportunities through enhanced wayfinding and interpretive materials; improve sustainability and accessibility of trails, overlooks, and seating; rehabilitate historic structures; and protect and enhance natural and cultural resources.

Additionally, the Project will rehabilitate the unique WWII era Battery Commander Station and the last remaining elevated Nike Radar Platform within the GGNRA. This component of the Project includes remediation of hazardous materials such as lead paint on historic structures and in the surrounding soil, which will protect unique habitat that supports a wide array of wildlife, including the endangered Mission blue butterfly. A grant from the Coastal Conservancy will fund both stormwater and biological monitoring related to the construction elements of the Project. Funding will also be utilized to propagate native plants, prepare fill soil, and revegetate improvement areas. This Project also supports access and programs that utilize Hawk Hill as an outdoor classroom for all ages.

The Parks Conservancy’s project at Hawk Hill in the Marin Headlands will directly enhance the myriad benefits of these extraordinary public lands. I hope you will look with favor on this worthy application.

Best regards,

Stephanie Moulton-Peters
Marin County Board of Supervisors
Supervisor, District 3, Southern Marin
November 19, 2021

Douglas Bosco, Chairman
State Coastal Conservancy
1515 Clay Street, 10th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612-1401

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I am pleased to extend this letter of support for the grant application submitted by the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy for the Hawk Hill Visitor Improvement Project: Phase III. The project will benefit thousands of NatureBridge students who visit Hawk Hill to observe the annual raptor migration and learn about the cultural history of the area as part of their multi-day learning experience in the Marin Headlands. Many of these students are visiting a national park for the first time.

Hawk Hill Phase III will expand educational opportunities through enhanced wayfinding and interpretive materials; improve sustainability and accessibility of trails, overlooks and seating; rehabilitate historic structures; and protect and enhance natural and cultural resources. This project rehabilitates the unique WWII era Battery Commander Station and the last remaining elevated Nike Radar Platform within the GGNRA. This Project component will remediate hazardous materials such as lead paint on historic structures and in the surrounding soil, protecting unique habitat which supports a wide array of wildlife, including the endangered Mission blue butterfly. A grant from the Coastal Conservancy will fund both stormwater and biological monitoring related to the construction elements of the Project. Funding will also be utilized to propagate native plants, prepare fill soil, and revegetate improvement areas. This project also supports access and programs that utilize Hawk Hill as an outdoor classroom for all ages.

The Parks Conservancy’s project at Hawk Hill in the Marin Headlands will directly enhance the myriad benefits of these extraordinary public lands. Therefore, I strongly encourage the State Coastal Conservancy to approve the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy’s grant request.

Sincerely,

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