

ATTACHMENT A

January 26, 2004

Paul Morabito, Chairman
California State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 11th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

Re: Finding for Proposition 12 funding consideration

Dear Chairman Morabito and members of the Board,

As you know the March 2000 park bond, Proposition 12, allocated funds to acquire additional parkland in southern Orange County. The Laguna Canyon Foundation, the City of Laguna Beach and the County of Orange have been working together to utilize these funds to acquire additional land for the regional South Coast Wilderness system of parks and preserves, which includes Laguna Coast Wilderness Park. The bond language has proved difficult in interpretation and does not reflect the true spirit of our regional open space acquisition campaign. We have identified a number of parcels as potential additions to Laguna Coast Wilderness Park and the South Coast Wilderness, but the restricted bond text precludes proceeding with many of the parcels.

We need your help to use the full funding to expand the regional system of coastal parks and preserves. We ask that the Coastal Conservancy prepare and adopt a resolution, which will provide a finding for the revision of the bond language.

We are working with the Trust for Public Land to acquire parcels that meet the current designated bond funding criteria and are planning to have some of these acquisition requests on your March agenda. We are also working with Senator Ross Johnson for a budget reallocation of the funds and a regional approach to acquiring additional parkland for the South Coast Wilderness system of coastal canyons and watersheds in south Orange County. Thank you for considering our request.

Very truly yours,



Mary Fegraus, Executive Director
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