

## Exhibit 4: Letters of Support

# Berryessa Trails and Conservation

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April 12, 2006

Douglas Bosco, Chair  
CA Coastal Conservancy Board  
1330 Broadway, 11th floor  
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

Re: Funding for Acquisition by UC Davis of land adjacent to Stebbins Reserve

Dear Mr. Bosco:

We are writing to strongly support the funding request by the UC Davis Natural Reserve System for acquisition of two parcels adjacent to their Stebbins Reserve.

All of our directors have hiked the loop trail that crosses this private land. It is extremely popular both for the challenge of climbing up to Blue Ridge and the stunning views of Lake Berryessa, and on a clear day, snow-capped peaks to the north and in a gap in the eastern ridge, the Sierra Nevada.

The trail segment on the land UC Davis is seeking to acquire is too steep, with severely eroded gullies that become small rivers of sediment streaming down the hill when it rains. The trail needs to be re-routed to provide a safer trail and to reduce the sediment that end up in the creek.

This acquisition will be an important addition to the Stebbins Reserve. We urge you to grant the funding request that will allow UC Davis to acquire this property.

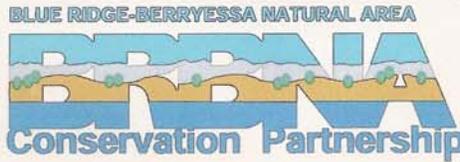
Sincerely,



Carol Kunze  
Executive Director

cc: Betsy Wilson  
Virginia Boucher

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c/o Land Trust of Napa County  
1040 Main Street, Suite 203,  
Napa, CA 94559  
707-252-3270

April 21, 2006

Douglas Bosco  
Chairman, Board of Directors  
California State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Chairman Bosco:

The Blue Ridge Berryessa Natural Area (BRBNA) Conservation Partnership would like to take this opportunity to express its strong support for the purchase of 2 parcels adjacent to the Stebbins Cold Canyon Reserve by the U.C. Natural Reserve System. These approximately 80 acres comprise a priority land acquisition within the BRBNA that will enhance the ecological integrity of the preserve and its public use.

The BRBNA Conservation Partnership is a voluntary group of private landowners, public land managers, non-profit organizations and residents dedicated to the conservation and cooperative management of the region. Organized in 1998, membership now consists of over 50 agencies, organizations and individuals with many of these actively participating in monthly meetings. The mission of the Partnership is to cooperatively protect, manage and enhance the values of the region through the involvement of regional stakeholders. The U.C. Davis NRS has been an active participant in the Partnership through its regional reserves, including McLaughlin, Stebbins, and Quail Ridge. (For more information on the Partnership, see [www.brbna.org](http://www.brbna.org))

These parcels are of particular importance in that they contain the portion of the loop trail that climbs to the overlook above Monticello Dam. Due to private ownership, reserve managers have not been able to improve the trail, which is badly eroded and difficult to navigate. The purchase will allow them to reroute the trail, correct the erosion, and limit sedimentation in the creek. Moreover, the Stebbins Reserve provides an important hiking area for the growing populations in the Fairfield/Vacaville area and is part of a larger vision to provide more nature based recreation and environmental education throughout the region.

We urge your support of this important acquisition. Please let us know if we can be of assistance.

Sincerely,

Ray Krauss, Chair

cc: Betsy Wilson, Project Manager, SCC

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April 18, 2006

Chairman Douglas Bosco,  
CA Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 11th floor  
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

Dear Chairperson Douglas Bosco,

Tuleyome wholeheartedly supports the UCD Natural Reserve System's acquisition of the two private parcels adjacent to the Stebbins Cold Canyon Reserve and the Putah Creek Wildlife Area.

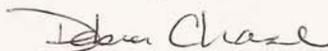
Tuleyome is 501c3 non-profit organization dedicated and committed to protecting the wild and agricultural heritages of the Putah Creek and Cache Creek watersheds for existing and future generations. We work to ensure the protection, enhancement, and restoration of the watersheds' environmental resources, public enjoyment of the watersheds, compatible with resource protection, a greater public appreciation of the natural environmental resources within the watersheds, and a long-term sustainable agricultural base in the region. We conduct our business through strategic planning, research, education, collaboration, advocacy, and charitable projects.

As such we believe the Stebbins Cold Canyon Reserve serves an important part of educational programming within the Putah Creek Discovery Corridor. The programming has a wide range which allows for the greatest audience diversity. Presentations include tours accenting different seasonal changes, activities for toddlers (and parents), and outings in Spanish.

This acquisition will benefit the public by guaranteeing that the trail remains accessible for hiking without fear of development or denial of access. It will maintain the natural cohesiveness within the corridor. We are confident that under University management, the trails will be improved to the level that they are managed within the Reserve. This will allow better access to the ridge and the entire loop. It will increase the safety along that portion of the trail. It will also mitigate the current erosion problem and restore it to a more natural state.

We urge your support of the acquisition of these parcels to further improve public accessibility, safety, and education at the Stebbins Cold Canyon Reserve.

Sincerely,



Debra Chase  
Executive Director

Cc: Betsy Wilson

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### **Putah Creek Discovery Corridor Cooperative**

*Coming together to inspire appreciation and respect for the diverse resources of the Putah Creek corridor through coordinated public outreach and learning opportunities*

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May 15, 2006

Chairman Douglas Bosco,  
CA Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 11th floor  
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

Dear Chairperson Douglas Bosco,

The Putah Creek Discovery Corridor (PCDC) Cooperative wholeheartedly supports the acquisition of the two private parcels adjacent to the Stebbins Cold Canyon Reserve and the Putah Creek Wildlife Area.

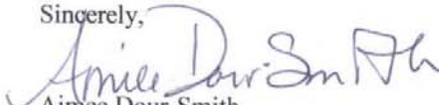
PCDC Cooperative is a consensus-based, member-led partnership of outreach stakeholders committed to providing high quality, coordinated public outreach and education to promote stewardship of the lower Putah Creek watershed, particularly between Monticello Dam and the 505 Bridge south of Winters. Our members include: the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, Solano Irrigation District, Solano County Water Agency, Solano County Parks, Yolo County Parks, Lower Putah Creek Coordinating Committee, City of Winters, the University of California Davis, Center for Land-based Learning, Audubon California Landowner Stewardship Program, Putah Creek Council, California Department of Fish and Game, Blue Ridge-Berryessa Natural Area Conservation Partnership, University of California Davis, Natural Reserve System, and private rural landowners. The Cooperative is actively developing projects to improve public education, recreation, ecosystem function, and outreach in the watershed, as well as supporting individual member goals for watershed education and stewardship.

The Stebbins Cold Canyon Reserve serves as integral part of educational programming within the Putah Creek Discovery Corridor. The programming is broad in scope to allow for the greatest audience diversity. Presentations include tours accenting different seasonal changes, activities for toddlers (and parents), and outings in Spanish.

Our membership believes that this acquisition will benefit the public by guaranteeing that the trail remains accessible for hiking without fear of development or denial of access. It will maintain the natural cohesiveness within the corridor. We are confident that under University management, the trails will be improved to the level that they are managed within the Reserve. This will allow better access to the ridge and the entire loop. It will increase the safety along that portion of the trail. It will also mitigate the current erosion problem and restore it to a more natural state.

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Sincerely,

  
Aimee Dour-Smith  
PCDC Coordinator

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