

Exhibit 4: Letters of Support



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Ms. Betsy Wilson
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 11th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Subject: Support for Berryessa Trails and Conservation Request for Funding

Dear Ms. Wilson,

We write with respect to the request for funding from Berryessa Trails and Conservation (BT&C). In June 2006 we released the Record of Decision, Future Recreation Use and Operations of Lake Berryessa, (ROD). Included in that decision is a multi-purpose, non-motorized shoreline trail around the lake. As redevelopment of this lake is a tremendous undertaking, we state in the ROD that we intend to work with other agencies and private organizations to design and construct the trail. We further state that there will be connector trails to other public lands in the area.

The Lake Berryessa Shoreline Trail will be one of the most important recreational developments here at the Lake. The trail will assist greatly in accomplishing our goal of diversifying recreational opportunities to better serve the public. Designs for filling in the gaps and rerouting problem areas in the North End trail will help us complete that segment for a continuous four-mile trail. Designs for extending the trail through the two public parks will help us provide hiking and walking opportunities for the most heavily used areas at the Lake, and will enable visitors to walk to the Visitors Center rather than having to drive. We expect that this will greatly increase the number of visitors who visit our exhibits.

We would greatly appreciate your approval of this grant request. If you have any questions regarding this matter please contact Karen Wagner, (707) 966-2111 extension 102.

Sincerely,

Pete Lucero
Chief, Recreation Resources Division

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September 14, 2006

Ms. Betsy Wilson
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 11th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Re: Grant Funding for Berryessa Trails and Conservation

Dear Ms. Wilson,

We write to support the grant request by Berryessa Trails and Conservation (BT&C) to assist in developing the North End segment of the Lake Berryessa Shoreline Trail as well as developing segments through the two public parks.

We worked closely with BT&C during the public process on the redevelopment of Lake Berryessa and endorsed their proposal for a shoreline trail. This trail will serve those who come to Lake Berryessa seeking a place to hike, and are currently disappointed. It will provide visitors with access to nature and an opportunity to enjoy the outdoors. We are especially interested in the focus on providing an alternative to cars, represented by the development of a hiking trail to allow walking access to the Visitor's Center.

We are eager to see this trail developed and welcome the Coastal Conservancy's assistance in supporting its development.

Sincerely,

Marc Pandone
For the Executive Committee

cc: Berryessa Trails and Conservation

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September 13, 2006

Ms. Betsy Wilson
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 11th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Re: Support for the Berryessa Trails and Conservation funding application

Dear Ms. Wilson,

This letter is to endorse and support the grant application by Berryessa Trails and Conservation for trail design work for segments of the Lake Berryessa Shoreline Trail.

The Blue Ridge Berryessa Natural Area Conservation Partnership is a voluntary organization of over 100 partners – private landowners, public land managers, universities, nonprofit organizations, area residents, and recreationists – dedicated to the conservation, preservation, and management of over 600,000 acres of this natural, wild, agricultural, and recreational landscape. Information about the natural area and its partnership can be found at www.brbna.org.

The creation of trails that provide access to nature is a critical element in the redevelopment of Lake Berryessa that will bring the lake into closer adherence with our collaboratively developed conservation framework for this area. Trails have the added benefit of helping us to develop a constituency interested in conserving the region by making this area accessible to the public.

The Shoreline Trail will be a flagship trail in the BRBNA regional trail system. We are anxious to see progress in the trail's development and strongly recommend approval of this grant application.

Sincerely,



Ray Krauss, Chair
BRBNA Conservation Partnership

cc: Berryessa Trails and Conservation

c/o Land Trust of Napa County, 1040 Main St., Napa, CA 94559 (707) 252-3270

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Tuleyome

DEEP HOME PLACE



September 14, 2006

Ms. Betsy Wilson
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 11th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Re: Support for Berryessa Trails and Conservation (BT&C) funding application

Dear Ms. Wilson,

We strongly support the Lake Berryessa Shoreline Trail project. It is an important piece of the redevelopment plan released this summer for the Lake. This letter is to support the request by Berryessa Trails and Conservation for trail design funding to complete segments of that trail.

Tuleyome is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization working to protect both our wild heritage and our agricultural heritage in the Putah and Cache Creek watersheds for existing and future generations (www.tuleyome.org.) It was our pleasure to work with the BT&C and the Bureau of Reclamation on the redevelopment of Lake Berryessa to create a family friendly destination for folks from the Bay Area and Sacramento metropolitan regions. As populations increase in these areas, Lake Berryessa can now serve a vital role in meeting their recreational needs.

You are probably aware that the shoreline trail will be one of the anchor trails for the regional trail system on which the BRBNA is working. We are very pleased that development is beginning and urge you to approve BT&C's grant request.

Sincerely,

Signed/hard copy

Bob Schneider, President
530-304-6215

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September 15, 2006

Ms. Betsy Wilson
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 11th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Re: Grant application by Berryessa Trails and Conservation

Dear Ms. Wilson,

I write to urge you to grant the application for funding from Berryessa Trails and Conservation for design work on segments of the Lake Berryessa Shoreline Trail, including the North End Trail and extension of the trail through Oak Shores and Smittle Creek Parks.

The Shoreline Trail promises to be a tremendous asset to Napa County. It will provide access for our residents and visitors to the shoreline of Lake Berryessa and will encourage visitors to walk instead of driving through the public parks. This will be a major step in the plan to diversify the recreational offerings at the Lake, by providing facilities to those who seek a place to hike or simply enjoy the shoreline. We are in hopes that the lake can become both a financial and community asset to Napa County, and trails are critical to achieving that goal.

I strongly recommend that this grant request be approved.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Diane Dillon".

Diane Dillon
Board of Supervisors
District Three

cc: Berryessa Trails and Conservation

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