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September 8, 2008

Douglas Bosco, Chairman  
California Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, Suite 1300  
Oakland CA 94612

**RE: Ventura River Parkway: Drapeau Property Acquisition  
(File No. 08-107-01) November 6, 2008 Agenda**

Dear Mr. Bosco:

I am writing in support of the Ojai Valley Land Conservancy's grant request of \$96,000 to assist in the Ventura River Parkway: Drapeau Property Acquisition.

This project would provide funds to enable the Ojai Valley Land Conservancy to acquire, and prepare a stewardship plan for approximately 53.50 acres of undeveloped property along the Ventura River in the Oak View area of unincorporated Ventura County for habitat and open space preservation. The acquisition would complement the Ojai Valley Land Conservancy's two major land holdings along the Ventura River---the Ventura River Preserve and the Confluence Preserve---and assist the Ojai Valley Land Conservancy in its efforts to eventually connect the two reserve components.

I believe this project is important to the local community, the health of the Ventura River and its surrounding environment, and the overall quality of life in the Ojai Valley. I am pleased to support the Ojai Valley land Conservancy's request for funding for this project.

Sincerely,



ELTON GALLEGLY  
Member of Congress

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September 8, 2008

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California Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, Suite 1300  
Oakland, CA 94612

Ventura River Parkway: Drapeau Property Acquisition  
(File No. 08-107-01) November 6, 2008 Agenda

Dear Mr. Bosco:

I would like to express my support for a \$96,000 grant to the Ojai Valley Land Conservancy for the Ventura River Parkway: Drapeau Property Acquisition.

This project would provide funds to enable the Ojai Valley Land Conservancy to acquire and prepare a stewardship plan for approximately 53.50 acres of undeveloped property along the Ventura River in the Oak View area of unincorporated Ventura County for habitat and open space preservation. The acquisition would complement the OVLC's two major land holdings along the Ventura River---the Ventura River Preserve and the Confluence Preserve---and assist the OVLC in its efforts to eventually connect the two reserve components. It would also assist in promoting a larger community vision for a continuous swath of protected areas within the Ventura River riparian corridor that would extend from the Ventura River Preserve to the north beyond the Confluence Preserve to Foster Park in Ventura and even the Ventura River estuary.

I believe this project is important to the local community, the health of the Ventura River and its surrounding environment, and the overall quality of life in the Ojai Valley.

I am pleased to support the Ojai Valley Land Conservancy's request for funding for this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Audra Strickland".

Audra Strickland  
Assemblywoman, 37<sup>th</sup> District



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September 8, 2008

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California Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, Suite 1300  
Oakland CA 94612

Ventura River Parkway: Drapeau Property Acquisition (File No. 08-107-01)  
November 6, 2008 Agenda - **Letter of Support**

Dear Chair Bosco and Board Members:

The Drapeau project would enable the Ojai Valley Land Conservancy to acquire, and prepare a stewardship plan for, 53.5 acres of undeveloped property along the Ventura River in the Oak View area of unincorporated Ventura County for habitat conservation and open space preservation. This acquisition would begin to tie together the OVLC's two major land holdings along the Ventura River- the Ventura River Preserve and the Confluence Preserve- and propel the OVLC's efforts to fully connect these preserves. The Drapeau acquisition would be an important step towards achieving the larger community vision of a continuous corridor of protected habitat within the Ventura River riparian zone that would extend from the Ventura River Preserve to Foster County Park, and someday even to the Ventura River estuary and the coast.

The establishment of this Ventura River conservation corridor complements major ongoing restoration projects in this watershed including Matilija Dam removal and Arundo eradication along the Ventura River. The Drapeau property is an important component of Ventura River conservation and would be a high-value acquisition. I strongly support the Ojai Valley Land Conservancy's request for \$96,000 for this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Steve Bennett".

Steve Bennett  
Supervisor, First District



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September 11, 2008

Douglas Bosco, Chairman  
California Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, Suite 1300  
Oakland CA 94612

Ventura River Parkway: Drapeau Property Acquisition  
(File No. 08-107-01) November 6, 2008 Agenda

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I believe this project is important to the local community, the health of the Ventura River and its surrounding environment, and the overall quality of life in the Ojai Valley.

I am pleased to support the Ojai Valley land Conservancy's request for funding for this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Barbara M. Harison". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Barbara M. Harison  
Executive Director



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September 7, 2008

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I am pleased to support the Ojai Valley land Conservancy's request for funding for this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "A. Paul Jenkin".

A. Paul Jenkin, M.S.

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