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Re: Mori Point Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Grant (Pacifica, San Mateo County)

Dear Mr. Canfield:

I'm writing to support the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy's application for \$1,000,000 from your Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Grants Program for Mori Point in San Mateo County. The Coastal Conservancy board has supported this project in many phases for close to a decade. We are very pleased with the work that's been done so far, and strongly support the Parks Conservancy's efforts to raise money for the next phase of the project, to provide public access while restoring habitat for the threatened California red-legged frog and for the country's most endangered snake – the San Francisco garter snake.

This is a project that the Coastal Conservancy knows well. We provided a million dollars to help the Trust for Public Land buy the 110-acre property at auction in 2000. After the National Parks Service acquired the property from TPL in 2002, we made a grant to the Parks Conservancy to develop a plan for habitat restoration and public access – a complex proposal when trails and endangered species need to co-exist. Finally, we granted \$500,000 just over a year ago to the Parks Conservancy towards construction of the Coastal Trail and related habitat restoration at Mori Point.

The Parks Conservancy has used our grant wisely, enlisting hundreds of volunteer hours to leverage our funds. Thanks to Parks Conservancy efforts, two new links of the Coastal Trail have been completed – one hiker-only trail and trail that meets outdoor standards for wheelchair accessibility – at the same time that wetlands have been expanded and invasive plants have been replaced with natives. The recent increase in red-legged frog masses in Mori Point's ponds indicate that the project so far has been a success, both for public access and for habitat enhancement.

There is still much work to be done at Mori Point, though, and I urge the Parks

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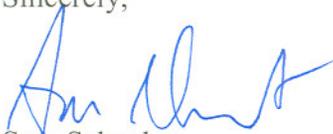
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Department to support this effort. Please feel free to call me or Conservancy project manager Janet Diehl at (510) 286-1015 if we can answer any questions about our work with the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Sam Schuchat". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Sam Schuchat
Executive Officer