



AGENDA ITEM NO.
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COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: July 24, 2018

Date: July 18, 2018

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Supervisor Mike Wilson and Supervisor Virginia Bass

Subject: Letter of Support for Samoa Dunes and Wetlands Conservation Project: Acquisition of Dog Ranch and the Poovey Track

RECOMMENDATION(S): That the Board of Supervisors authorize the Chair to sign the letter.

SOURCE OF FUNDING: N/A

DISCUSSION: The Board of Supervisors has been asked for a letter in support of the Samoa Dunes and Wetlands Conservation Project: Acquisition of Dog Ranch and the Poovey Track. The project to be considered for funding through the State Coastal Conservancy is 366 acres on properties known as Dog Ranch and the Poovey Track. This project presents a unique opportunity to protect significant coastal habitat and provide new public coastal access.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: N/A

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS: Board discretion.

ATTACHMENTS: Letter of Support

Signature *[Handwritten Signature]*

Signature *Virginia Bass*

Prepared by Kathy Hayes

REVIEW:	Auditor _____	County Counsel _____	Personnel _____	Risk Manager _____	Other _____
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TYPE OF ITEM:

Consent

Departmental

Public Hearing

Other _____

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

Upon motion of Supervisor *Wilson* Seconded by Supervisor *Bass*

Ayes *Bass, Fennell, Sundberg, Bohn, Wilson*

Nays _____

Abstain _____

Absent _____

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No. _____

Meeting of: _____

and carried by those members present, the Board hereby approves the recommended action contained in this Board report.

Dated: *7/24/18*

By: *[Handwritten Signature]*
Kathy Hayes, Clerk of the Board



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COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

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July 24, 2018

Doug Bosco, Chair
California State Coastal Conservancy
1515 Clay Street, 10th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Re: Support for Samoa Dunes and Wetlands Conservation Project: Acquisition of Dog Ranch and the Poovey Track

Dear Chair Bosco:

On behalf of the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors, I am writing in support of the Samoa Dunes and Wetlands Acquisition Project to be considered for funding by the State Coastal Conservancy. The project will permanently protect 366 acres of significant coastal habitat on properties known as Dog Ranch and the Poovey Track. The project will expand the extent of contiguous protected dune property to 1600 acres along three miles of Pacific Ocean coastline.

The property, which consists of wetlands, open dunes, and coniferous forest, provides habitat for several rare, threatened, endangered and protected species. It also includes the southern-most extent of threatened and declining Beach pine-Sitka spruce forest in the Pacific Northwest. These stands are uncommon along the southern Oregon and northern California coast, and are considered rare in California.

In addition, because of its location in an area heavily used for public access and outdoor education and its proximity to the Humboldt Coastal Nature Center in Manila, acquisition of the property will increase the opportunities for public access and outdoor education programs.

The Samoa Dunes and Wetlands Acquisition Project presents a unique opportunity to protect significant coastal habitat and provide new public coastal access. I encourage you to support this important project.

Thank you for your consideration.

Ryan Sundberg, Chair
Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

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