



## COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

AGENDA ITEM NO.

C4

For the meeting of: May 22, 2018

Date: May 14, 2018  
To: Board of Supervisors  
From: Supervisor Ryan Sundberg  
Subject: Letter of Support for Trinidad Land Trust Strawberry Rock Trail Project

0000RECOMMENDATION(S): That the Board of Supervisors authorize the Chair to sign the letter.

SOURCE OF FUNDING: N/A

DISCUSSION: The Trinidad Coastal Land Trust is applying for funding through the California Resources Agency's Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation grant program to acquire a 45-acre forest trail conservation easement for permanent public access, including the massive inland sea stack Strawberry Rock. The Landowner Green Diamond Resource Company is a willing seller and supports the project. The Board of Supervisors has also been asked for a letter in support of the project.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: N/A

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS: Board discretion.

ATTACHMENTS: Letter of Support

Prepared by Kathy Hayes

Signature

REVIEW:

Auditor \_\_\_\_\_ County Counsel \_\_\_\_\_ Personnel \_\_\_\_\_ Risk Manager \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

TYPE OF ITEM:

☒ Consent  
☐ Departmental  
☐ Public Hearing  
☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No. \_\_\_\_\_

Meeting of: \_\_\_\_\_

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

Upon motion of Supervisor Bass Seconded by Supervisor Fennell

Ayes Bass, Fennell, Sundberg, Bohn, Wilson  
Nays  
Abstain  
Absent

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

Dated: 5/22/18

By: Kathy Hayes, Clerk of the Board



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
**COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT**

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California Natural Resources Agency  
Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Program  
Trinidad Coastal Land Trust  
Attn: Ben Morehead  
P.O. Box 457  
Trinidad, CA 95570

RE: The Strawberry Rock Redwood Forest Trail Project Grant Application

Dear Environmental and Mitigation Program Coordinator:

On Behalf of the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors, I am writing in support of the Strawberry Rock Redwood Forest Trail funding application submitted by the Trinidad Coastal Land Trust to the California Natural Resources Agency's Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Program. The proposed trail project, in Trinidad, Humboldt County, CA is a 45-acre conservation easement acquisition that includes a beautiful Creekside redwood forest grove and a legal permanent public access trail to Strawberry Rock, a massive on-shore sea stack that rises above the surrounding redwoods to offer visitors a magnificent ocean view over the forest canopy.

Acquisition of the 45-acre conservation easement will help ensure that present and future generations of Californians have the right to visit this area as a publicly accessible redwood forest trail and conservation area. We strongly recommend that your agency fund the acquisition and conservation easement. The trail has already introduced thousands of residents, visitors, students and tourists from all socio-economic and cultural backgrounds to the importance of redwood forest conservation for quality of life values, outdoor recreation, carbon sequestration, climate stabilization, and habitat protection. This relatively inexpensive conservation acquisition is of statewide importance.

Green Diamond Resource Company is a willing seller and project advocate. Future threats dictate that we should provide public funding for this project as soon as possible. Ownership and land use management plans change, thus acquiring a conservation easement is the most effective way to ensure the protection of and public access to this valued redwood forest trail.

Our Board fully supports this acquisition and respectfully requests funding this very important project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ryan Sundberg".

Ryan Sundberg, Chair  
Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

RS:kh