



Regional Water Quality Control Board
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Subject: Support for The Land Conservancy of San Luis Obispo's purchase of the Pismo Preserve.

I am writing you on behalf of the Central Coast Concerned Mountain Bikers (CCCMB) to ask that the RWQCB financially support the Land Conservancy's purchase of the Pismo Preserve. We make this request knowing that the Land Conservancy's intention to allow public access on the Preserve and the RWQCB's Vision of Healthy Watersheds are compatible - although some might argue otherwise. We believe that the RWQCB can and should fund this project in good faith because the Land Conservancy has a proven record of protecting natural resources and watersheds and also because they will to manage public access by creating a thoughtfully designed and carefully constructed trail system.

A trail system created with established best practices will allow Preserve watersheds to function well ecologically and to be sustainable. A trail system that protects watersheds is itself sustainable.

CCCMB has 25 years experience in developing sustainable trail systems across San Luis Obispo County. We have designed and built sustainable trails for the City of San Luis Obispo, California Department of Parks and Recreation, SLO County and the Los Padres National Forest. CCCMB's 400+ volunteers, hikers, equestrians, runners and cyclists donate over 5,000 hours of free labor each year. The Land Conservancy has a dual goal of protecting the conservation values of the Pismo Preserve while creating a valued recreational opportunities for outdoor enthusiasts. It is CCCMB's intention to use our 25 years experience to do whatever we can to help them achieve their goals.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Please do not hesitate to contact us at www.cccmb.org if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely

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