



Orange County Board of Supervisors
 Janet Nguyen, Chairwoman
 10 Civic Center Plaza
 Santa Ana, CA 92701

March 29, 2010

RE: Request for Update and Meeting on the Proposed Land Transfer

Dear Chairwoman Nguyen:

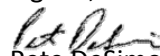
We are writing to request an update on the current status of the proposed transfer of 20,000 acres of The Irvine Company lands to the County of Orange. This letter serves as a follow up to our letters dated September 21 and 28, 2009. At the time, the land transfer process was expected to be complete by March 2010.

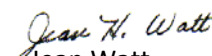
This letter reaffirms our support for this land transfer, as long as the county's financial resources are able to permanently assume responsibility for these lands and the new management plans honor what is currently required as per the Natural Communities Conservation Plan (NCCP) and the five applicable Conservation Easements (CE). With such a large addition to the County park system, we hope the public is granted appropriate access and recreational opportunities consistent with both the NCCP and CE Resource Management Plans.

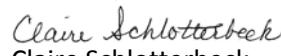
Our regular meetings with OC Parks Director Mark Denny, have implied that very little has transpired in the past few months and little has come before the OC Parks Commission on this transfer. We therefore respectfully request a public update at May's Board of Supervisors' meeting that addresses the current status of the process and our concerns stated in our previous communications. We would also like to meet with you and the other Supervisors to share our thoughts on the matter, prior to the May Board Meeting. It is our desire to help the County be successful in this transfer effort through an engaged process, where our combined expertise, knowledge and resources can assist with the endeavor.


We look forward to the opportunity to work with you, the Board, and OC Parks staff.


Signed,


 Pete DeSimone
 Manager of Starr Ranch
 Audubon California

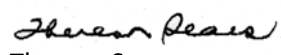

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