

March 14, 2025

Chairman Doug Bosco  
California State Coastal Conservancy  
1515 Clay St. Suite 1000  
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Chairman Bosco:

Please accept this letter on behalf of San Diego Coastkeeper, expressing our strong support of the Silver Strand State Beach Lower-Cost Coastal Overnight Accommodations grant proposal that was submitted to the State Coastal Conservancy by California State Parks.

San Diego Coastkeeper is a member supported clean water advocacy organization, founded in 1995, whose mission is to protect swimmable, drinkable and fishable waters in San Diego. We use education, community science, grassroots outreach and direct legal action to restore our coastal and inland waters for the people and wildlife who depend on them. A key tenet of our mission and approach is to ensure that the public, regardless of economic status, has equitable access to our beautiful and ecologically vital coastal resources. Silver Strand State Beach is an incredibly valuable resource for San Diegans and visitors alike, and Parks' proposal to establish affordable overnight accommodations will make the park available for all to enjoy.

Coastkeeper's members and supporters are incredibly diverse, living in all parts of San Diego County, but they all share a strong passion and love for the marine environment, and value the work of Coastkeeper and our partners to protect and maintain these resources for current and future generations. We were happy to assist in disseminating the beach survey and promoting related community events to our supporters.

In conclusion, I fully support the efforts of California State Parks as they seek external funding to provide lower-cost coastal overnight accommodations at Silver Strand State Beach for those with limited opportunities to stay overnight along the coast.

Respectfully,



Phillip Musegaas  
Executive Director and Coastkeeper