

## ERIC R. HILDING – K 6 V V A \* Previous References

### Obtaining Various IOTA Islands Access Permissions

**RADIO SOCIETY**

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30 July 2010

To Whom It May Concern:

Please permit me to introduce myself as the Manager of the Radio Society of Great Britain's Islands On The Air (IOTA) Programme, an amateur radio activity programme for contacting radio stations on islands around the world. We promote this programme to stimulate international friendships and to encourage licensed radio operators to improve their operating skills, equipment, and knowledge of radio propagation in remote areas. The backdrop to the programme is a series of awards issued to amateurs in recognition of success in contacting island stations worldwide.

I am writing to confirm our encouragement of radio projects organised by Mr Eric Hilding K6VVA of Morgan Hill, California. He is known to us as a responsible, committed amateur radio operator who is keen to work within all local and national rules applicable to a territory or area. We are aware that he has successfully carried out radio operations from a number of environmentally sensitive areas and that he has demonstrated full sensitivity to local custom and wildlife issues.

If you are able to assist him in any way with his next radio project, we would encourage you to do so.

Yours sincerely



Roger Balister, G3KMA  
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*Steve Tate*  
*Mayor, City of Morgan Hill*

July 30, 2010

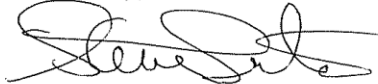
To Whom It May Concern:

Eric Hilding has served the community of Morgan Hill, California, as a responsible volunteer in various capacities over the past several decades. He was a member of the City's community access Cable TV Commission for several years including one term as Chairman, and also Public Services Commentator for the Morgan Hill City Council meetings during several previous Mayoral terms.

Over the years, Eric's volunteer participation in the community has also included that of "announcer" at various 4th of July and Christmas Parade events, and he has contributed to the community as a member of the Morgan Hill Rotary Club for more than 20 years. Eric is also an ARES (Amateur Radio Emergency Services) and OES (Office of Emergency Services) volunteer, and provided valuable emergency communications support to the community during a vandalized fiber optic cable crisis which disabled regular telephone communications.

As evidenced by his contributions to the City of Morgan Hill and its citizens, I am confident you will find Eric Hilding to be a person you can expect to adhere to all rules and regulations in whatever amateur radio endeavor he is involved with.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Tate", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Steve Tate, Mayor  
City of Morgan Hill, California



## CITY OF MORGAN HILL POLICE DEPARTMENT

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July 29, 2010

To Whom It May Concern:

Eric Hilding has demonstrated a great respect and support for Law Enforcement, and recently contributed funds to help acquire a Kevlar vest for our Morgan Hill Police dog "PAX". My understanding is that Eric participated as a volunteer in numerous prior annual fundraising events by the original Community Law Enforcement Foundation before I became Chief of Morgan Hill Police Department. As an amateur radio operator, Eric has been issued an official OES VOLUNTEER photo I.D. card from the Morgan Hill Police Department, and contributed his amateur radio communications skills during a local crisis when local phone service was disabled to criminal sabotage of fiber optic cables.

In has been my experience that Eric Hilding is a law abiding citizen who values the role of Law Enforcement in society, and has demonstrated his support thereof in various ways. I believe he will respect and obey any laws involved with his amateur radio related projects in any location or municipality.

Sincerely,



Bruce C. Cumming  
Chief of Police

# St. George Reef Lighthouse Preservation Society

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Dear IOTA Manager,

This is to certify That I accompanied amateur radio operator Eric Hilding, K6VVA, via our chartered helicopter transportation service Shasta Wing and Rotor, that left from the airport at Crescent City, California (USA) for the St. George Reef Lighthouse on Northwest Seal Rock on 4/8/11 and landed there the same day at approximately 10:00 a.m. local time.

I also confirm that I accompanied Mr. Hilding back to the mainland airport from Northwest Seal Rock via the same method of transportation on 4/10/11 at 8:00 a.m. local time.

By personal observation, the above radio amateur set up and operated his radio equipment from St. George Reef Lighthouse on the island ("rock") during his stay there. Mr. Hilding conducted himself very professionally at all times, and it was a pleasure to work with him on his IOTA expedition project.

SIGNATURE Guy Towers

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February 13, 2012


TO: Whom it may concern,

Native Village of Point Lay was very pleased to have Eric Hilding and Dr. Mike Girr come to Point Lay and first time activate of their IOTA NA-242 and K9AJ Ham radios at the Barrier Island here at Point Lay old historic site. They both successfully made 3800 contacts around the world from our island.

They both did not cause any problems to our locals within the community, they were very cooperative and met with the community people, and contributed to our community as well by hiring two locals to bear watch for the purpose of their work, and renting local transportation.

They also had door prizes of couple fuel vouchers, gas containers, one handheld VHF radio, and miscellaneous things.

We appreciate the great report they brought to the community for their Ham radios success. Hopefully this will be of good information to your community to have them partake this Ham radio IOTA expedition to better communicate around the world.

Thank you and best wishes,   
JoAnne Neakok, Tribal Administrator