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October 2, 2003

Susan Smartt, President
California State Parks Foundation
800 College Avenue
P.O. Box 548
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Dear Ms. Smartt:

I am writing in support of State Parks' project to restore wetlands, habitat, and provide enhanced recreational opportunities at Candlestick Point State Recreation Area in San Francisco County. I understand this project is proposed in the State Park General Plan for Candlestick Point State Recreation Area, and reflects a culmination of local public input. I am pleased that an interpretive center located in the Yosemite Canal area of the Park is also depicted in the General Plan which will help educate visitors about the Bay, native habitats, and the history of the area.

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Thank you for undertaking this important project with State Parks.

Peace and friendship,


JOHN L. BURTON

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October 2, 2003

Susan Smartt, President
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Dear Ms. Smartt:

I write to convey my support for the California State Parks Foundation project to restore wetland, habitat and provide enhanced recreational opportunities for the Candlestick Point State Recreation Area.

The proposed restoration for Candlestick Point State Recreation Area will enhance and complement the recent Bay restoration project. This project is a culmination of local and public input, which will provide the best opportunity for park restoration. Furthermore, the planned interpretive center proposed for the Yosemite Canal area of the Park outlined in the State Park General Plan will serve as an educational resource for visitors.

I believe this project will enhance the natural resources of San Francisco's Bay and restore a native habitat in the Bay View/Hunter's Point. This project will help facilitate community cohesiveness, while encouraging participation toward the development of habitat and recreation.

Thank you for your time. Please do not hesitate to contact my office at (415) 557-3013 with any further questions.

Sincerely,

MARK LENO
Assemblyman, 13th District

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Thank you for undertaking this important project with State Parks.

Sincerely,

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Ruth G. Coleman, Acting Director

September 30, 2003

Susan Smartt, President
California State Parks Foundation
P.O. Box 548
Kentfield, CA 94914

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Dear Ms. Smartt:

California State Parks is excited to commence Phase II of the Yosemite Canal wetland restoration project in conjunction with the California State Parks Foundation at Candlestick Point State Recreation Area in San Francisco.

The shorelines of San Francisco Bay once had thousands of acres of tidally influenced marshes. Today, less than 10 percent of the historic salt marsh acreage remains within the boundaries of the Bay. This project will restore 34 acres, including 12 acres of tidal wetlands and salt marsh, by excavating fill material along the northern and southeastern shorelines of Yosemite Canal. The restored area will provide habitat for a variety of shorebirds and ducks, as well as feeding and nursery areas for estuarine fish. In addition to improving native habitat, the water quality of the Bay will benefit from the natural filtration process of the restored wetland; and toxins present in the fill material on site will be assessed and ameliorated.

This project will provide the park visitor with a unique recreational experience, and will implement goals established in the park's General Plan. It will provide new recreation opportunities in an urban community historically isolated from these experiences. Public access points and trails will be developed to enjoy the park's natural resources, and will increase public access to the Bay and Bay Trail. We are pleased with the public support that has been shown including groups Literacy for Environmental Justice, Golden Gate Audubon, Arc Ecology, and Bayview Hunters Point Community Advocates. In addition, agency support has been received from the Army Corps of Engineers, California Regional Water Quality Control Board, and San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission among others.

Thank you for undertaking this important project. We look forward to working collaboratively with the Foundation on this project.

Sincerely,

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Ruth Coleman
Director

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Susan Smartt, President
California State Parks Foundation
800 College Avenue
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Kentfield, California 94914

September 25, 2003

Dear Ms. Smartt:

I am writing in support of State Parks' project to restore wetlands, habitat, and provide enhanced recreational opportunities at Candlestick Point State Recreation Area in San Francisco County. I understand this project is proposed in the State Park General Plan for Candlestick Point State Recreation Area, and reflects a culmination of local public input. I am pleased that an interpretive center located in the Yosemite Canal area of the Park is also depicted in the General Plan which will help educate visitors about the Bay, native habitats, and the history of the area.

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Thank you for undertaking this important project with State Parks.

Sincerely,



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Executive Director

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Making San Francisco Bay Better

April 2, 2003

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Ms. Susan Smartt
California State Parks Foundation
P. O. Box 548
Kentfield, California 94914

SUBJECT: Wetland Restoration at Candlestick Point State Recreation Area
(BCDC Inquiry File No. SF.SB.7323.1)

Dear Ms. Smartt:

We have become aware of a proposed wetlands restoration project at Candlestick Point State Recreation Area and Yosemite Channel in the City and County of San Francisco. We are writing to support this proposed project because it appears to be consistent with the policies of the McAteer-Petris Act and *San Francisco Bay Plan*, which designates Candlestick Point State Recreation Area as a waterfront park priority use area. The implementation of a habitat restoration project along the shores of the park would also likely be consistent with this park priority use designation.

The policies of the Bay Plan support the restoration of tidal and submerged habitats and enhancement to existing aquatic and shoreline habitats, as well as improvements to water quality, all of which would be supported by the proposed project. Therefore, we also support efforts to increase public access and recreational use of the Bay, such as those that would be afforded by the proposal. The new interpretive center would help to educate visitors about the values of the Bay.

We appreciate the efforts of the California State Parks Foundation and the Department of Parks and Recreation for considering this project. I should also note that the Commission may be able to provide some additional funding for this effort. Please have your staff contact me for details. Thank you very much.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. McAdam", written over a horizontal line.

STEVEN A. McADAM
Deputy Director

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION
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Ruth G. Coleman, Acting Director

April 21, 2003

Susan Smartt, President
California State Parks Foundation
P.O. Box 548
Kentfield, CA 94914

Dear Ms. Smartt:

California State Parks is excited to commence Phase II of the Yosemite Canal wetland restoration project in conjunction with the California State Parks Foundation at Candlestick Point State Recreation Area. This Environmental Review, Permitting and Design Phase is a critical step in completing the restoration project.

This project will enhance the natural resources of San Francisco Bay. The shorelines of San Francisco Bay once had thousands of acres of tidally influenced marshes. Today, less than 10% of the historic salt marsh acreage remains within the boundaries of San Francisco Bay. This project will restore 12 acres of tidal wetlands and salt marsh by excavating fill material along the northern and southeastern shorelines of Yosemite Canal. The restored area will provide habitat for a variety of shorebirds and ducks, as well as feeding and nursery areas for estuarine fish. The area available for benthic invertebrates will double in size from the current canal area. A unique feature of the project will be a 1.4 acre isolated nesting island that will be created to protect birds from feral animal and human disturbance. In addition to improving native habitat, the water quality of the Bay will benefit from the natural filtration process of the restored wetland; and toxins present in the fill material on site will be assessed and ameliorated.

This project will provide the park visitor with a unique recreational experience. Public access points and trails will be developed which minimize disturbance of sensitive areas yet provide opportunities to enjoy the park's natural resources. We support the project's goals to increase public access to the Bay and Bay Trail. We are pleased with the public support that has been shown for increasing recreational opportunities and native habitat in the Bay View/Hunter's Point area of San Francisco. To date a number of local groups have endorsed the project including Literacy for Environmental Justice, Golden Gate Audubon, Arc Ecology, and Bay View Advocates. Restoring Yosemite Canal is proposed in the State Park General Plan for Candlestick Point State Recreation Area, which reflects a culmination of local public input. An interpretive center located in the Yosemite Canal area of the Park is also depicted in the General Plan. This will help educate visitors about the Bay, native habitats, and the history of the area.

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Ms. Susan Smartt
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Thank you for undertaking this important project with State Parks. State Parks looks forward to working collaboratively with the Foundation on this project.

Sincerely,

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Ron P. Schafer
Superintendent, Bay Area District

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California Regional Water Quality Control Board San Francisco Bay Region



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Date: January 17, 2003
File No. 41-S-0049 (RL)

Bay West Cove, LLC, and
Wetland Creations, Inc.
C/o Mr. George Morris
Morris & O'Kief
400 Country Club Road, Suite 350
Eugene, OR 97401

Subject: Conditional Approval of Wetland Loss Mitigation Proposal for the Upland Unit,
Former U.S. Steel Property (a.k.a. Shearwater or Bay West Cove Development),
Oyster Point Boulevard, South San Francisco, San Mateo County, California

Dear Mr. Morris:

Your May 31, 2002, wetland loss mitigation proposal to enter into an agreement with the California State Parks Foundation to establish a \$200,000 mitigation fund for the Yosemite Wetland Restoration Project at Candlestick Point State Recreation Area has been reviewed and is deemed acceptable, provided all the conditions described in the following are met. More specific discussions are provided below.

Proposed Wetland Loss Mitigation Proposal

According to a March 1996 "Delineation of Jurisdictional Wetlands and Waters of the United States" report prepared by Treadwell & Rollo, approximately 0.6 acres of non-tidal wetlands was lost during the development of Shearwater Property and must be mitigated. Submitting a wetland loss mitigation proposal for the upland unit is required under Task 2 of the Site Cleanup Requirements adopted by the Board in Order No. 00-125. On April 17, 2001, you stated that the findings by your consultant do not suggest the existence of a currently available site or a mitigation bank for Bay West Cove to contribute new wetlands in the vicinity of the subject site. As a result, you requested permission to consider other alternatives, including the concept of "in-lieu" fees. On May 31, 2002, after considering our input and performing additional research, you indicated your willingness to enter into an agreement with the California State Parks Foundation to establish a \$200,000 mitigation fund to satisfy the wetland loss mitigation requirement imposed by the Board. Specifically, the \$200,000 will be paid as an "in-lieu" fee to the California State Parks Foundation for the Yosemite Canal Wetland Restoration Project at the Candlestick Point State Recreation Area.

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Bay West Cove, LLC, and Wetland Creations, Inc.
C/o Mr. George Morris

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After careful review, we have determined your wetland loss mitigation proposal to be acceptable. The 34-acre Yosemite Canal Wetland Restoration Project presents a viable wetland restoration alternative, which lies in close proximity to the Shearwater site. The primary habitat goal of the project is the expansion and restoration of tidal habitat including a mixture of tidal mudflats, vegetated marsh, and barren shorebird nesting areas above high tide. The benefits of this restoration project are significant for migratory birds and aquatic organisms in this area, and for public access and public education. However, it is imperative that the proposed \$200,000 in-lieu fee be used toward tasks essential to the project. As a result, Board staff has been in discussion with Foundation representatives in narrowing down the potential tasks to which Bay West Cove may contribute.

We have recently received from the California State Parks Foundation a letter dated December 30, 2002, which outlines a detailed list of deliverables to be completed with the proposed in-lieu fee. The Foundation estimates that the entire list of deliverables costs roughly \$200,000 to complete in a one-year period. A copy of the letter is attached for your information (see Attachment).

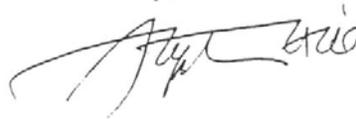
Conditions of Our Approval

Our approval of your wetland loss mitigation proposal is conditioned on the following:

- (a) Please enter into an agreement with the Foundation and award the \$200,000 for the establishment of a mitigation fund no later than **February 28, 2003**. Following execution, a copy of the agreement and proof of payment must be submitted to this office.
- (b) It is Bay West Cove's responsibility to manage the \$200,000 mitigation fund as it relates to the proposed list of deliverables. Bay West Cove is required to submit semi-annual progress reports to this office with the status of each of the deliverables until completion, or exhaustion of the entire \$200,000 mitigation fund. The first progress report is due on **September 15, 2003** and subsequent reports are due every six-month thereafter.

Please contact Randy Lee of my staff at (510) 622-2375 [e-mail RL@rb2.swrcb.ca.gov] if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



STEPHEN A. HILL
Toxic Cleanup Division Chief

For LORETTA K. BARSAMIAN
Executive Officer

Attachment: December 30, 2002 letter from California State Parks Foundation

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Yosemite Slough Watershed Restoration Project

Alliance for a Clean Waterfront
Arc Ecology
Bayview Hunters Point Community Advocates
Clean Water Fund
Golden Gate Audubon Society
Literacy for Environmental Justice

March 17, 2003

California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 11th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Sirs and Mesdames:

The above named organizations are pleased to take this opportunity to express our strong support for the California State Park Foundation's request for funding to support Phase II of the Candlestick Point State Recreation Area/Yosemite Channel wetland restoration project.

Phase I, production of a conceptual design for the wetland restoration, has been successfully completed. Phase II will enable the project to move forward through construction design, environmental review and permitting.

All of the organizations named above are originating members of the Yosemite Slough Watershed Restoration Project. This is a project created to address environmental justice issues in San Francisco's Bayview/Hunters Point community by improving waste and storm water treatment practices and through the preservation and restoration of the community's parks and natural resources. The restoration of wetlands at Candlestick Point will play an integral role in attaining many of the goals of this project.

Your funding of Phase II will allow the project to move forward to completion. We urge your approval of the funds.

Sincerely yours,

Eve Bach,
Administrator
Yosemite Slough Watershed Restoration Project

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