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January 12, 2004

Paul Morabito, Chairman
State Coastal Conservancy
1130 Broadway, 11th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Chairman Morabito:

I wish to express my support for the Land Conservancy of San Luis Obispo County's request for \$350,000 in Proposition 12 funds to facilitate the recovery of the southern California steelhead.

This project is an important step in a regional, multi-agency effort to recover the southern California steelhead. The proposed grant would allow for the preparation of engineering designs, environmental documentation, and permit applications for fish passage improvement projects in San Luis Obispo County coastal streams. This project will move the recovery effort forward by removing migration barriers and allow for the re-colonization of the steelhead within its historic range.

For these reasons, I once again wish to express my support for this project. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Senator Bruce McPherson
15th District

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AND SOCIAL SECURITY



January 20, 2004

Mr. Paul Morabito, Chair
State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 11th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Morabito:

I am writing in support of the Land Conservancy of San Luis Obispo grant proposal in the amount of up to \$350,000 for fish passage improvement projects in San Luis Obispo County coastal streams.

The project is an important step in a regional, multi-agency effort to recover the southern California steelhead and would consist of the removal of migration barriers to enable steelhead to recolonize streams. While there has been local interest and support removing barriers, local entities have been hindered by a lack of sufficient funds and staffing to design and permit potential projects. The proposed grant would help overcome this roadblock and help to restore important steelhead migration corridors throughout the county.

I urge you to give every possible consideration to supporting the Land Conservancy request for fish passage improvement projects funding. If I can provide any additional information to assist you in your decision, please let me know. Thank you, in advance, for your attention in this regard.

Sincerely,


ABEL MALDONADO

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Memorandum

To : Mr. Paul Morabito, Chairman
State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 11th floor
Oakland, CA 94612-2530
Via Fax: (510) 286-3840

Date: January 23, 2004

From : Robert W. Floerke, Regional Manager
Department of Fish and Game - Central Coast Region, Post Office Box 47, Yountville, California 94599

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Subject: San Luis Obispo County Fish Passage Design Block Grant

On behalf of the Department of Fish and Game's (DFG) Central Coast Region, I am writing in support of the above-referenced grant submitted to your organization by The Land Conservancy of San Luis Obispo, with the stipulation that the local DFG District Fishery Biologist, Mike Hill, and the Basin Planner, Margaret Roper, are included throughout the proposed process. The Land Conservancy is seeking funding for a fish passage design project, which has the potential to expedite implementation of projects improving fish passage in San Luis Obispo County. Several coastal watersheds in the County support populations of steelhead (Onchorhynchus mykiss), a species listed as threatened by the National Marine Fisheries Service (NOAA Fisheries). The lack of fish passage, a result of human-induced stream alterations, is one keystone limiting factor in many steelhead-bearing coastal watersheds.

The prioritization of barriers identified through local efforts by the Steelhead Recovery Coalition of the Central Coast and your Statewide inventory, with subsequent development of engineered design and permitting of high priority barriers, has the potential to facilitate restoration of passage in coastal watersheds. Having engineered designs, approved by DFG and NOAA Fisheries, will make implementation of these projects more streamlined for local entities. In addition, having developed designs and permits will make the implementation projects proposed to DFG's Fishery Restoration Grant Process more competitive. We encourage your approval of The Land Conservancy funding request.

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If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Roper, at (408) 842-8917; or Mr. Bob Coey, Senior Fishery Biologist, at (707) 944-5582.

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SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND BUILDING

VICTOR HOLANDA, AICP
DIRECTOR

August 18, 2003

Tim Duff
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 11th Fl.
Oakland, CA 94612

RE: Stream Restoration Projects Funding

Dear Mr. Duff:

The County of San Luis Obispo General Plan and Local Coastal Plan (LCP) recommends and supports the protection and restoration of streams and riparian habitat, and understands its importance to sensitive aquatic species such as the southern steelhead.

The County's LCP, Coastal Plan Policies, Chapter 6, identifies Coastal Streams and Riparian Vegetation as a designated Environmentally Sensitive Habitat. Environmentally Sensitive Habitat Policy 3 specifically recommends the restoration of damaged or degraded habitats. Policy 18 identifies the hydrological, ecological and habitat importance of coastal streams and riparian vegetation and recommends that these areas be protected and preserved. Policy 23 limits the types of projects allowed within coastal streams or associated riparian areas, but specifically allows projects that improve fish and wildlife habitat. These policies are primarily implemented through the County Coastal Zone Land Use Ordinance (Title 23) which governs development within the County's Coastal Zone. While the specific provisions of this title normally restrict or limit development near coastal streams and riparian habitat areas, it also provides exceptions from these limitations for stream restoration projects and requires provisions for habitat restoration, where appropriate, as related to private development.

While the LCP and associated policies do not apply to the inland (non-Coastal Zone) areas of the county, the County Agriculture & Open Space does apply and it also include, policies supporting the protection and restoration of streams and riparian habitat. Agricultural Policy (AGP) 25 encourages private landowners to protect and preserve unique or sensitive habitats. AGP 26 encourages private landowners to protect and preserve stream corridors and to **restore** stream corridors that have been degraded. Streams and riparian corridors are identified in the Open Space Element portion of the document as an important ecosystem. Open Space Policies (OSP) 18 and 19 address the protection of, and limiting disturbance to streams and riparian areas. These policies as well as OSP 14 and 15 (Protection and Management of Major

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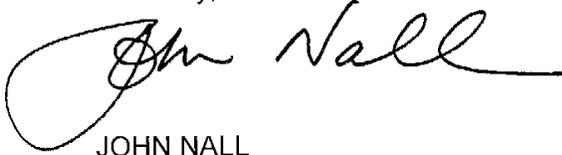
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Ecosystems, Wildlife Corridors) encourage management of these habitats and restoration where willing property owners will allow.

The County of San Luis Obispo Local Coastal Plan and Agriculture & Open Space Element were reviewed and adopted by the County Board of Supervisors. These General Plan documents provide clear evidence of the County of San Luis Obispo's support for protection and restoration of streams and associated riparian habitat. Funding of restoration projects would further these goals and are consistent with the stated policies of the County of San Luis Obispo.

Feel free to contact me at (805) 781-5096 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Nall". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the beginning of the name.

JOHN NALL
Principal Environmental Specialist

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Coastal San Luis Resource Conservation District

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22 January 2004

Mr. Paul Morabito, Chairman
Ste Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 11th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Chairman Morabito:

The purpose of this letter is to support the State Coastal Conservancy's funding to the Land Conservancy of San Luis Obispo County in the amount of \$350,000. This funding is intended for the purpose of steelhead fish passage improvement projects along the central coast. Many of the streams impacted are within our district's boundaries.

The Steelhead Recovery Coalition has been instrumental in developing partnerships for the recovery of threatened southern steelhead. It exemplifies the interest and desire of multiple agencies pooling their efforts to remove migration barriers and improve impoverished historical habitat. However, their efforts have been hampered due to a lack of adequate funds. The proposed grant will greatly improve the ability to get projects designed, permitted and completed.

The District thanks you and is grateful for the support the Coastal Conservancy has provided for natural resources projects in the past. The resulting benefits are testament to successful projects.

Sincerely,


Linda Chipping
President, Board of Directors