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United States Department of the Interior



FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

Ecological Services
Carlsbad Fish and Wildlife Office
6010 Hidden Valley Road
Carlsbad, California 92009

February 26, 2004

Paul Morabito, Chair
State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, Suite 110
Oakland, CA 94612

Attn: Trish Chapman

Re: Huntington Beach Wetlands Plan Preparation Grant

Dear Mr. Morabito:

The Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) has been very involved for a long time with projects and habitat activities along the southern California coastline and specifically around the Santa Ana River mouth in Orange County. We have been advisors or partners in planning and implementation for every habitat improvement in that area, but especially tidal wetland restoration and endangered species conservation. Through the Service's Coastal Program, we have also provided funding support for some of these activities. There remains a great deal of work to be done. Because of the potential gains for fish and wildlife from restoring these surviving remnants of the once vast Santa Ana River mouth estuary in Huntington Beach, we expect to continue that participation and support of others.

The Huntington Beach Wetlands Conservancy has requested your approval of a \$300,000 grant to prepare a conceptual restoration plan for the Huntington Beach wetlands. Besides being a technical team member and supporter of wetland restoration, we propose to provide an additional \$50,000 to them to supplement the planning studies and project formulation that would begin with approval of your grant. With completion of a restoration plan and resolution of land ownership issues, we will all be ready to begin the habitat improvements that will be good for shorebirds, waterfowl, wading birds, aquatic life, juvenile fishes, endangered Belding's savannah sparrow, and California least tern. Feel free to contact me as the need arises at (760) 431-9440 ext 215 or email jack_fancher@fws.gov.

Sincerely,

Jack M. Fancher
Coastal Program Chief

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE
Southwest Region
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Long Beach, California 90802- 4213

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TRISH CHAPMAN

Mr. Paul Morabito
Chair, Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, Suite 110
Oakland, California 94612

Dear Mr. Morabito:

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NOAA Fisheries) has long history for supporting the restoration of wetlands in southern California. These areas provide vital habitat for a variety of fish and wildlife.

We strongly support the Coastal Conservancy's staff recommendation to provide a grant of \$300,000 to the Huntington Beach Wetlands Conservancy. These funds are needed to prepare a conceptual restoration plan for the Huntington Beach wetlands which is the first major step towards a goal of re-introducing tidal influence to these wetland areas.

Should you need any further information, please contact Robert Hoffman at 562-980-4043 or via email at: bob.hoffman@noaa.gov.

Sincerely,

Valerie L. Chambers
Assistant Regional Administrator
for Habitat Conservation

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COUNTY OF ORANGE
RESOURCES & DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT

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Santa Ana, CA
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February 19, 2004

Paul Morabito, Chair
Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, Suite 1100
Oakland CA, 94612

SUBJECT: Huntington Beach Wetlands Restoration Plan

This letter is to express support for the Coastal Conservancy's funding for restoration planning of the Huntington Beach Wetlands. The Resources and Development Management Department has been working cooperatively with the Huntington Beach Wetlands Conservancy and the Coastal Conservancy for a number of years on the restoration of these important coastal wetlands. We support your staff's recommendation for a grant of \$300,000 to the Huntington Beach Wetlands Conservancy to prepare a conceptual restoration plan.

The Huntington Beach wetlands provide habitat for many fish and wildlife species, including listed species and migratory birds. Restoration and enhancement of the wetlands will greatly improve the available habitat. Re-introduction of tidal circulation to the isolated basins of the Huntington wetlands is a priority for future restoration and should be key focus of restoration planning. The Huntington Beach wetlands also present an excellent opportunity to increase environmental education and passive recreation opportunities in the community.

The restoration plan is the next step in a long-term effort by federal, state, and local agencies, as well as the local community, to preserve and restore the Huntington Beach wetlands. In addition, this habitat will become part of a larger mosaic of habitat and open space known as the Orange Coast River Park being created adjacent to the lower Santa Ana River.

As you are aware, coastal wetlands are a rare and precious resource in our state, particularly in developed areas like Orange County. I urge the Conservancy's vote to fund this important piece of California's natural resources.

Sincerely,

Bryan G. Speegle, Director
Resources & Development Management Department

cc: Huntington Beach Wetlands Conservancy
Mary Anne Skorpanich, RDMD

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February 19, 2004

Paul Morabito
Chair, Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, Suite 110
Oakland, CA 94612

TRISH CAMPBELL

RE: Huntington Beach Wetlands Conservancy Grant Request

Dear Mr. Morabito;

The Huntington Beach Wetlands Conservancy is requesting a grant of \$300,000 to prepare a conceptual restoration plan for the Huntington Beach wetlands.

Poseidon Resources encourages you to act favorably upon the request. The Coastal Conservancy supported the recent acquisition of additional wetlands for the Huntington Beach Wetlands Conservancy. This request simply affords the opportunity to move to the next stage of the restoration process.

The Huntington Beach wetlands provide habitat for many fish and wildlife species, including listed species and migratory birds. Restoration and enhancement of these wetlands will greatly improve the available habitat. Re-introduction of tidal circulation to the isolated basins of the wetlands is a priority for future restoration and will be an important focus of restoration planning.

The Huntington Beach wetlands also present an excellent opportunity to increase environmental education and passive recreation opportunities in the community. The project is the next step in a long-term effort by federal, state, and local agencies, as well as the local community to preserve and restore the Huntington Beach wetlands.

The planning and eventual restoration of the wetlands at this location meets most if not all of your regional goals. I urge you to grant this request.

Sincerely,

Billy Owens

Sr. Vice President

Poseidon Resources Corporation

3760 Kilroy Airport Way, Suite 260, Long Beach, CA 90806, USA

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February 24, 2004

Paul Morabito, Chair
Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, Suite 110
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Morabito,

On behalf of the Board of Directors for Amigos de Bolsa Chica, I urge you to grant the Huntington Beach Wetlands Conservancy's request for \$300,000 to prepare a conceptual restoration plan for the Huntington Beach Wetlands.

The Huntington Beach Wetlands provide habitat for many fish and wildlife species, including listed species and migratory birds. Restoration and enhancement of these wetlands will greatly improve the available habitat. Re-introduction of tidal circulation to the isolated basins of the wetlands is a priority for future restoration and should be a key focus of restoration planning.

This fall a three-year restoration project will begin for 880-acres of the neighboring Bolsa Chica Wetlands. This is a unique and exciting opportunity for the City of Huntington Beach, the County of Orange and the State of California to embrace and celebrate the restoration of two historic wetlands. Californians want the coast protected and support our restoration efforts. Please help the Huntington Beach Wetlands Conservancy make their dream a reality.

Sincerely,

Jim Robins, President
Amigos de Bolsa Chica

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Paul Morabito
Chair, Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, Suite 110
Oakland, CA. 94612

T. Chapman

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Mr. Morabito;

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The Huntington Beach Wetlands also present an excellent opportunity to increase environmental education and passive recreation opportunities in the community. The project is the next step in a longterm effort by federal, state, and local agencies, as well as the local community to preserve and restore the Huntington Beach wetlands.

I urge you to grant this request.

Thank you in advance.
Sincerely,

Stanley W. Marriott

Stanley W. Marriott
9042 Christine Dr.
Huntington Beach, CA. 92646

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Ann & John McCarthy
9192 Kapaa Drive
Huntington Beach, CA 92646
714-593-5590

March 4, 2004

Mr. Paul Morabito
Chair, Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, Suite 110
Oakland, CA 94612

RE: Huntington Beach Wetlands Conservancy

Dear Mr. Morabito;

The Huntington Beach Wetlands Conservancy is requesting a grant of \$300,000 to prepare a conceptual restoration plan for the Huntington Beach wetlands.

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The Huntington Beach wetlands also present an excellent opportunity to increase environmental education and passive recreation opportunities in the community. The project is the next step in a long-term effort by federal, state, and local agencies, as well as the local community to preserve and restore the Huntington Beach wetlands.

As a board member of the Huntington Beach Wetlands Conservancy, I am extremely excited about this project and the huge step we can take to save and restore our local wetlands. I urge you to grant this request.

Sincerely,

Ann McCarthy

EXHIBIT 2: Letters of Support

From: Suzanne Beukema [sbeukema@socal.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, February 23, 2004 12:30 PM
To: tchapman@scc.ca.gov
Cc: lgorman@socal.rr.com
Subject: Fw: Huntington Beach Wetlands

----- Original Message -----

From: [Suzanne Beukema](#)
To: tchapman@scc.ca.gov
Cc: lgorman@socal.rr.com
Sent: Monday, February 23, 2004 12:20 PM
Subject: Huntington Beach Wetlands

Dear Paul Morabito:

On behalf of the Huntington Beach Wetlands, I am asking you to consider their request for a \$300,000 grant to begin the restoration of our wetlands.

This natural jewel is home to many fish, birds and wildlife species. The proposed restoration would immensely improve this habitat, which is currently very degraded and in disrepair. Also the allowing the tidal circulation to once again occur will be the key to all future restoration plans & projects.

Our community has worked hard over the years to protect and keep our wetlands clean of debris.

This is the next critical step.

I sincerely urge to to support us in granting this request.

Suzanne Beukema
9052 Christine Drive
Huntington Beach, CA 92646
(714)968-5213

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From: Edward DeMeulle [edemeulle@socal.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, February 16, 2004 10:23 PM
To: tchapman@scc.ca.gov
Subject: Grant - Huntington Beach Wetlands Conservancy
February 16, 2004

Paul Morabito
Chair, Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, Suite 110
Oakland, CA 94612

Mr Morabito;

The Huntington Beach Wetlands Conservancy is requesting a grant of \$300,000 to prepare a conceptual restoration plan for the Huntington Beach wetlands.

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The Huntington Beach wetlands also present an excellent opportunity to increase environmental education and passive recreation opportunities in the community. The project is the next step in a long-term effort by federal, state, and local agencies, as well as the local community to preserve and restore the Huntington Beach wetlands.

I urge you to grant this request.

Sincerely,

Edward W. DeMeulle
Huntington Beach

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From: Bob Dutton [bobalu@socal.rr.com]
Sent: Friday, February 13, 2004 12:11 PM
To: tchapman@scc.ca.gov
Subject: Huntington Beach Tidal Wetlands Grant
Paul Morabito
Chair, Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, Suite 110
Oakland, Ca. 94612

Dear Mr. Morabito,

I am writing this letter to urge you to please place the \$300,000.00 grant request for the Huntington Beach Wetlands in the highest priority.

The Water Quality from the Ocean Outlet for the Huntington Beach/Talbert Channels would greatly benefit in regards to the natural water filtration this Wetland would provide. Science has long been baffled by the source of poor water quality at the beaches adjacent to this Outlet. We are in desperate need of these funds to bring this Wetland back to it's natural state by allowing the water of the Huntington Beach Channel to naturally filter in this Wetland before draining with the Tides to the Pacific Ocean.

I urge you to grant this request.

Sincerely,

Robert Dutton
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From: George Munsey [mkgem@earthlink.net]
Sent: Friday, March 05, 2004 9:12 AM
To: tchapman@scc.ca.gov; Bob Dutton
Subject: hunt. bch. wetlands

--- George Munsey
--- mkgem@earthlink.net
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Dear Chairman Morabito;

Please give serious consideration to the request for funding the restoration study for the Huntington Beach Wetlands. This project needs to move forward

as soon as possible.

Thank you for your support,

George E. Munsey, Retired Huntington Beach

Fire/Hazmat Captain.

From: David [david@santiki.com]
Sent: Monday, March 08, 2004 11:27 AM
To: tchapman@scc.ca.gov
Cc: Igorman@sccal.rr.com
Subject: Huntington Beach Conservancy Grant Request

March 8, 2004

Paul Morabito
Chair, Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, #110
Oakland, Ca. 94612

Mr. Morabito:

Please find this letter in support of the \$300,000 grant request by the Huntington Beach Wetlands Conservancy to prepare a conceptual restoration plan for the Huntington Beach wetlands.

The Huntington Beach wetlands is home to many varies of fish, birds and wildlife. Restoration of the wetland will greatly improve the habitat for these animals and will augment the natural coastline. Additionally, the re-introduction of the tidal circulation is part of the restoration plan which will bring back the natural process of a flowing tidal zone. This tidal zone will advance the progress toward a natural coastline uninterrupted by human development. It will also increase the appeal to the indigenous animals who call this area home.

We in the community of Huntington Beach appreciate and support the effort of Huntington Beach Wetlands Conservancy. In that effort, we urge you to grant the requesting monies so that we can progress towards the ultimate goal of restoration of these wetlands.

Sincerely,
David Wagester
9012 Christine Dr.
Huntington Beach, Ca. 92627
Ph. 714 963 7444

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March 15, 2004

Paul Morabito, Chair
Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, Suite 110
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Morabito,

I am writing on behalf of the Amigos de Bolsa Chica and I urge you to grant the Huntington Beach Wetlands Conservancy's request for \$300,000 to prepare a conceptual restoration plan for the Huntington Beach Wetlands.

For over 20 years, my wife Dianne and I have been active with this organization. We seek to restore and enhance these local wetlands. Our wetlands provide habitat for many fish and wildlife species, including listed species and migratory birds.

Later this year, a three-year restoration project will begin for over 800 acres of the neighboring Bolsa Chica Wetlands. This is a unique and exciting opportunity for the City of Huntington Beach, the County of Orange, and the State of California to embrace and celebrate the restoration of two historic wetlands.

Please help the Huntington Beach Wetlands Conservancy make their dream a reality.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

TOM HARMAN
Assemblyman, 67th District


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