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February 23, 2004
Paul Morabito, Chair
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SUBJECT: TRIANGLE MARSH RESTORATION (Marin County)

Dear Mr. Morabito and Board Members:

I am writing on behalf of the San Francisco Bay Joint Venture (SFBJV) to recommend Board approval of the staff recommendation that the Coastal Conservancy accept \$90,000 and authorize disbursement of these funds to the Marin Audubon Society to be used toward the restoration of Triangle Marsh. The funds are reserved by the State through a Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC) permit. We understand that the fund transfer to support this project is necessary since BCDC has been unable to find a way to direct funds to non-profit organizations for habitat protection and restoration and, therefore, contracts with the Coastal Conservancy to make such grants.

Ex-Officio Members:

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The San Francisco Bay Joint Venture is a partnership of non-governmental organizations, utilities, landowners, and agencies working to acquire, restore and enhance wetlands on San Francisco Bay and in the coastal watersheds of San Mateo Coast, Marin, and Sonoma Counties. The SFBJV is one of the eleven wetland habitat Joint Ventures operating under the certification of the North American Wetlands Conservation Act, a Congressional agreement between the United States, Canada, and Mexico.

The restoration of 2+ acres of filled land to tidal marsh at Triangle Marsh will enhance the 31-acre site that supports the endangered California Clapper Rail, migratory shorebirds, and other species.

The funding will be used to excavate approximately 10,700 cubic yards of fill to lower the elevations suitable for tidal waters to deposit sediments and seeds resulting in natural reestablishment of marsh. Approximately 2,000 cubic yards will be used on site to form a berm and buffer/transition zone. The remainder of the fill will be removed and taken to another site where it will be reused to benefit another marsh restoration project that Marin Audubon Society is implementing.

The Coastal Conservancy was a major contributor to the acquisition of Triangle Marsh. Approval of the fund transfer and disbursement will continue the Conservancy's commitment to projects at this site.

Sincerely,


Fritz Reid
Chair

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Mr. Gary Hernandez, Chairman
California State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 11th Floor
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Dear Mr. Hernandez:

I am writing to express my support for the appropriation of Coastal Conservancy funds to the Marin Audubon Society for the acquisition of Triangle Marsh in Marin County. The Conservancy plays a vital role in enabling local nonprofit organizations to carry out their mission and in advancing State objectives in mutually beneficial partnerships.

The County of Marin and Marin Audubon Society identified the Triangle Marsh property for public acquisition to preserve precious coastal resources as early as 1976. Unfortunately, at least three previous attempts to purchase this property were not successful. I am delighted that the Marin Audubon Society has recently reached agreement with the landowner so that public acquisition and the permanent protection of this property is now possible.

The Marin Audubon Society, acting as fiduciary agent for the Marin Baylands Advocates, has been a leader in protecting the bayland resources of Marin County. The establishment of the Marin Baylands Fund at the Marin Community Foundation and their fundraising efforts have established an impressive track record and commitment. As an all volunteer, local organization, however, they cannot complete the Triangle Marsh acquisition without the financial support of the Coastal Conservancy.

I urge your support of the staff recommendation, and I thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

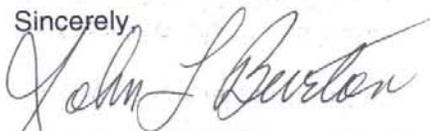

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October 26, 1999

Mr. Gary Hernandez, Chairman
California State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 11th floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Hernandez:

I am writing to express my support for the appropriation of Coastal Conservancy funds to the Marin Audubon Society for the acquisition of Triangle Marsh in Marin County.

The County of Marin and Marin Audubon Society identified the Triangle Marsh property as a priority as early as 1976. Unfortunately, at least three previous attempts to purchase this property were not successful. However, in partnership with the Coastal Conservancy, Marin Audubon Society would be in an unprecedented position to make this acquisition a reality.

The Marin Audubon Society has an impressive history of successful fundraising and has clearly demonstrated its deep commitment to the permanent protection of important lands. As an all-volunteer, local organization they cannot complete the Triangle Marsh acquisition without the financial support of the Coastal Conservancy.

Thank you for your serious consideration of the staff recommendation.

Sincerely,



KERRY MAZZONI
Assemblymember, Sixth District

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Ronald Miska
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Park and Open Space
Superintendent



October 15, 1999

Mr. Gary Hernandez
California State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 11th Floor
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Re: Triangle Marsh Acquisition, Marin County

Dear Mr. Hernandez:

On behalf of the Marin County Open Space District, I am writing in support of your staff's recommendations concerning the disbursement and redirection of funds toward the preservation of the 31-acre Triangle Marsh in Corte Madera, Marin County.

The Open Space District has long sought the preservation of this property, as it represents a rare remnant of what was once an extensive area of bay wetlands. The property is across the road from the District's Ring Mountain Open Space Preserve, and its acquisition will ensure protection of a gradient of habitats extending from ridgetop to bay waters.

We had, on several occasions over the past decade, been part of a partnership that attempted to acquire the property, only to be thwarted in our efforts because the owners had very high expectations as to the property's value.

Many thanks for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "F.M. Brigmann".

Frances M. Brigmann
General Manager

c: Board of Directors

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Mr. Gary Hernandez, Chairman
California State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 11th Floor
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Re: Triangle Marsh Acquisition, Marin County

Dear Mr. Hernandez:

The Marin Conservation League (MCL) urges your support for the acquisition of Triangle Marsh in Marin County, proposed by the Marin Audubon Society. The Conservancy's participation in this public/private partnership is crucial to the success of the project.

The 31-acre Triangle Marsh property, located in the urbanized eastern corridor of Marin County, is a remnant of a vast wetlands complex that historically rimmed San Francisco Bay. The property contains significant coastal resources that are threatened and in need of protection. Triangle Marsh provides habitat for the endangered California Clapper Rail and a myriad of shorebirds and waterfowl migrating along the Pacific Flyway. The marsh is rare in that it has never been diked off from tidal action and contains a tidal panne. The acquisition, enhancement and permanent protection of this unique property is finally possible due to the efforts of the Marin Audubon Society. The acquisition of Triangle Marsh will also ensure visual access to the Bay for almost a quarter mile along a heavily used segment of the Bay Trail.

Public ownership of Triangle Marsh has long been a goal of state and local groups and agencies. Earlier attempts during the past 2 decades were unsuccessful, as the sellers expectations exceeded the capability of public agencies and environmental groups interested in acquiring it. Efforts to develop it have also failed. As this is one of the last remaining developable waterfront sites on the Tiburon Peninsula there is every expectation that it will be acquired and developed if this current acquisition effort should fail.

MCL urges your support of the staff recommendation. Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Kathy Lowrey
President

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Marin Group

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October 22, 1999

Mr. Gary Hernandez, Chair
California State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 11th Floor
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Dear Mr. Hernandez,

I am writing to express the support of the Sierra Club, Marin Group, for the appropriation of Coastal Conservancy funds for the acquisition of the Triangle Marsh in Marin County by the Marin Audubon Society. Your participation is crucial to allow local groups to help preserve the environment and advance State objectives through a partnership approach.

This property has been identified as a coastal resource as early as 1976. Several previous attempts at purchase proved unsuccessful. However, the Audubon Society has recently reached agreement with the landowner, so that your involvement comes at a crucial time.

This acquisition will help with an overall strategy for protecting open space, wetland and habitat in Marin County, and we urge your support of the staff recommendation for the appropriation of the necessary funding. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Dotty E. LeMieux, Chair, Sierra Club, Marin Group

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A NON-PROFIT CITIZEN GROUP DEVOTED TO EDUCATION IN MARIN COUNTY ON ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS.

October 22, 1999

Mr. Gary Hernandez, Chairman
California State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 11th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr Hernandez,

I am writing this letter on behalf of the Environmental Forum of Marin (EFM) in support of the Conservancy staff's recommendations to aid Marin Audubon Society in acquiring the 31 acre "Triangle Marsh" property along the Corte Madera bay front in Marin County. The Conservancy's participation in this joint public/private partnership is crucial to the success of the project. Triangle Marsh is an important remnant of the once extensive Ross Valley salt marshes and along with the additional remnant marshes in the Corte Madera Wildlife Preserve and the restored salt marsh in between supports endangered California Clapper Rail.

EFM is a non-profit organization founded in 1972 and dedicated to the protection and enhancement of the environment by educating its Members and the Marin citizenry about environmental issues. In furtherance of this purpose the goal of EFM is to conduct a training program on environmental issues, provide continuing education for its Members and the public, and influence environmental decision-making.

Our training program consists of 22 full days of classes beginning in September and ending in February each year and it traditionally begins with days devoted to the natural environment of Marin including plant communities of Marin, geology of Marin, Marin baylands and marshes, San Francisco Bay and Estuary and Oceans. For many years EFM teachers, all of whom are volunteers, used the "Triangle Marsh" as a teaching site which, because of its compact size and complete range of salt marsh habitats, it was ideally suited.

As a matter of historical interest I have attached a copy of a biological assessment which I did in 1978 on the Triangle Marsh during one of the times that the owner was proposing to develop the filled portions of the site.

Yours sincerely,

Kathy Cuneo, Ph.D.
President

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October 16, 1999

Gary Hernandez, Chairman
California State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 11th floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Hernandez and Members of the Board:

Re: Triangle Marsh Acquisition, Marin County

Marin Baylands Advocates enthusiastically endorses efforts to acquire and permanently protect the area known as Triangle Marsh in Marin County, in partnership with the Marin Audubon Society. We urge that the Conservancy fully support staff recommendation for participation in this exciting public/private partnership.

Triangle Marsh contains abundant and important coastal resources that are threatened and in need of protection. It provides refuge habitat for marsh species and foraging habitat for upland species, including waterfowl migrating along the Pacific Flyway. The marsh has never been diked off from tidal action and it includes a tidal *panne* on one portion of the site. It is contiguous with both the Corte Madera Ecological Reserve and the Marin County Open Space District's Ring Mountain preserve and so its protection would provide an important wildlife corridor.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ann Thomas".

Ann Thomas

