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May 21, 2004

Paul Morabito, Chairman  
State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, Suite 1100  
Oakland, California 94612

Dear Mr. Morabito:

I am writing to express my support for the application submitted by the Marin Resource Conservation District (MRCD), for the Tomales Bay Watershed Enhancement Program. Tomales Bay, home to many species of fish, bird and marine invertebrates, is currently affected by sediment and nutrients from its tributary streams.

It is my understanding that with this funding, the MRCD will assist property-owners in implementing restoration projects that will result in improved water quality and habitat conditions in Tomales Bay. This project will help agricultural landowners reduce non-point sources of water pollution, minimizing the amount of sedimentation in the Bay, in a cost-efficient and expedient manner. The reduction of sediment and nutrient levels into the stream channels will have a very positive impact on wildlife.

This project will greatly benefit the 6<sup>th</sup> Congressional District and I urge you to give this application your full and careful consideration. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Stephanie Kenny in my Santa Rosa office at (707) 542-7182.

Sincerely,



Lynn Woolsey  
Member of Congress

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June 2, 2004

Paul Morabito, Chairman  
State Coastal Conservancy  
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Oakland, CA. 964612

Dear Chairman Morabito:

I am writing to give my full support to the Tomales Bay Watershed Enhancement Program. The \$600,000 proposal submitted to the State Coastal Conservancy by the Marin Resource Conservation District (RCD) will assist landowners in implementing restoration projects that will result in improved water quality and habitat conditions in Tomales Bay.

Tomales Bay is one of California's most important coastal resources. Although the Bay retains high water quality and invaluable habitat for many species of fish, bird, and marine invertebrates, it is affected by nutrients and sediment from its tributary streams.

The Marin RCD has selected a list of 16 pre-approved conservation practices designed to improve water quality and wildlife habitat as well as reduce sedimentation of the Bay. The proposed 16 practices have been approved through the Conservancy-funded Marin Coastal Watersheds Permit Coordination Program, a program designed as a one-stop shopping for regulatory permits on conservation practices. This program allows restoration and erosion control to proceed in a more cost-efficient and expedient manner. It is anticipated that the marriage of the two programs will yield restoration actions within 1 year versus the typical 3-year timeframe. The proposal also takes the first step toward restoration action since the Conservancy-funded Tomales Bay Watershed Stewardship Plan was completed in July 2003. Specifically, the Plan calls to "Support implementation of practices and projects that will reduce non-point sources of water pollution and enhance habitats in Tomales Bay and its watershed."

The proposed projects will allow many agricultural landowners to continue their efforts in working toward this goal while keeping the local agricultural economy viable. I would greatly appreciate your support of this proposal from the Marin RCD.

Sincerely,

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JOE NATION  
Assemblyman, 6<sup>th</sup> District

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Re: Tomales Bay Watershed Enhancement Program Proposal

Dear Chairman Morabito:

This letter is in support of the Marin Resource Conservation District (MRCD)'s request for Coastal Conservancy funding for the Tomales Bay Watershed Enhancement Program. We believe that funding this program will result in significant improvements to water quality and habitat in the Lagunitas and Walker Creek watersheds and in Tomales Bay. This is an important resource area in our region, and many of our staff have worked closely with the MRCD over a number of years to implement restoration and enhancement programs. We are currently working with MRCD on their proposed permit coordination program, which we believe is an important opportunity to encourage further conservation and restoration activities by private landowners.

The MRCD has initiated and carried out a wide variety of restoration projects, agricultural best management practices, and outreach programs that have had direct impacts on water quality improvements and economic sustainability as well as promoting a strong environmental ethic in the coastal Marin watersheds. The MRCD is the main force behind watershed restoration efforts in Chileno, Walker, and Stemple Creek watersheds. Additionally, they are a strong partner in watershed efforts in Lagunitas and Olema Creeks and Tomales Bay. For example, we have been tremendously impressed with their efforts in the Chileno Valley watershed, where they have successfully worked with local landowners to develop and implement a vision for restoring a severely degraded stream system. The MRCD has gained the respect of all parties in the greater Tomales Bay Watershed and been a catalyst for change. Additionally, the MRCD Board stands out as a strong and cohesive working partnership that has successfully proposed, nurtured, and carried out many successful projects. They have fostered an attitude of environmental stewardship among their constituents, where historically there has been much conflict between different interest groups. This stewardship ethic is particularly important in the West Marin coastal watershed, which is an area of incomparable environmental value and a recreational and aesthetic resource for the whole Bay Area.

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Tomales Bay Watershed Enhancement Program

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Funding of this proposal will allow the MRCD to continue their excellent work in the Tomales Bay Watershed and will contribute materially to the successful implementation of the Tomales Bay Watershed Stewardship Plan, Walker Creek Watershed Plan, and Lagunitas Creek Watershed Improvement Program. We fully support this proposal to the State Coastal Conservancy.

If you have any questions, please contact Dale Hopkins at (510) 622-2362, or via e-mail at [drh@rb2.swrcb.ca.gov](mailto:drh@rb2.swrcb.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Wil Bruhns". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "W".

Wil Bruhns, Division Chief  
North Bay Watershed Division

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*Sheila*

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**Paul Morabito, Chairman**  
State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, Suite 1100  
Oakland, CA. 94612

Dear Chairman Morabito,

Marin Agricultural Land Trust supports the efforts of landowners to restore and protect Marin's natural resources through the \$600,000 proposal submitted by the Marin Resource Conservation District. Landowners often desire to improve conditions on their property but lack sufficient funds to address problems that have arisen. This is especially true for agricultural producers who frequently receive modest incomes for their efforts. If granted, these funds will allow landowners to implement projects that improve water quality and habitat conditions in local streams and in Tomales Bay, while also helping agricultural producers to remain viable.

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The Marin RCD has a well-established history of successful project implementation and we support their continued efforts. Further, the Conservancy-funded Marin Coastal Watersheds Permit Coordination Program will greatly increase the efficiency of project implementation and encourage more landowners to pursue conservation actions.

The Marin RCD proposal is an important step toward reducing water pollution and enhancing habitats within the Tomales Bay watershed, a vital goal for the region as reflected in the Tomales Bay Watershed Stewardship Plan completed in July 2003. We urge the Conservancy to approve the proposal.

Sincerely,

Robert Berner  
Executive Director

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# The Bay Institute

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June 8, 2004

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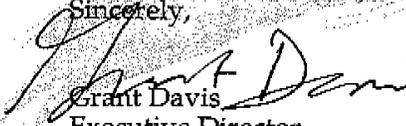
Dear Chairman Morabito,

On behalf of board and staff of The Bay Institute (TBI), I am writing this letter to convey our enthusiastic support for the Marin Resource Conservation District's (MRCD's) proposal to the California State Coastal Conservancy (CSCC) for the Tomales Bay Watershed Enhancement Program. TBI has worked closely with the MRCD for six years to implement student-based riparian restoration through our Students and Teachers Restoring a Watershed (STRAW) Project. This partnership has been of great mutual benefit, enabling the two organizations to meet shared restoration objectives as well as providing watershed education for Marin County students and land improvements for rural landowners. The MRCD has the highest standards for completing successful restoration on ranchlands, and we are confident that the \$600,000 proposal submitted by the MRCD to the CSCC will result in restoration projects that contribute to improved water quality and habitat conditions in Tomales Bay.

The proposal uniquely combines restoration actions on tributaries to Tomales Bay with the MRCD's Marin Coastal Watersheds Permit Coordination Program. A list of 16 conservation practices has already been approved through this Conservancy-funded permitting program, designed to provide one-stop shopping for regulatory permits to allow restoration and erosion control to proceed in a cost-efficient and expedient manner. With this program in place, the MRCD will anticipate the ability to implement restoration projects within one year rather than the typical three-year timeframe.

The proposal also takes the first step toward restoration action since the Conservancy-funded Tomales Bay Watershed Stewardship Plan was completed in July 2003. The Plan calls to "support implementation of practices and projects that will reduce nonpoint sources of water pollution and enhance habitats in Tomales Bay and its watershed." The proposed projects will allow many agricultural landowners to continue their efforts in working toward the goals of the Plan while keeping the local agricultural economy viable. TBI gives our unqualified support to this proposal to the California State Coastal Conservancy.

Sincerely,

  
Grant Davis  
Executive Director

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May 19, 2004

Paul Morabito, Chairman  
State Coastal Conservancy  
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RE: Support for Marin County Resource Conservation District's request for funds for the Tomales Bay Watershed Enhancement Program

Dear Chairman Morabito,

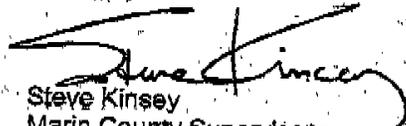
I am pleased to provide a letter supporting West Marin landowners and their efforts to restore Marin's natural resources via the Tomales Bay Watershed Enhancement Program. The \$600,000 proposal submitted by the Marin Resource Conservation District will assist landowners in implementing restoration projects that will result in improved water quality and habitat conditions in Tomales Bay.

Tomales Bay is one of California's most important coastal resources. Although the Bay retains high water quality and invaluable habitat for many species of fish, bird, and marine invertebrates, it is affected by nutrients and sediment from its tributary streams.

This project will implement 16 highly beneficial practices which have been approved through the Conservancy-funded Marin Coastal Watersheds Permit Coordination Program, a program designed as a one-stop shopping for regulatory permits on conservation practices. The proposal will reduce non-point sources of water pollution and will enhance habitats around Tomales Bay, both of which are top priorities in the Conservancy-funded Tomales Bay Watershed Stewardship Plan completed in July 2003.

The Marin RCD is highly qualified to carry out these improvements, and has established an outstanding record of success in the watershed. The proposed projects will allow many agricultural landowners to continue their efforts to improve water quality while also keeping the local agricultural economy viable. This proposal will be a productive investment of the Conservancy's funds, and I urge you to provide the highest level of support possible.

Sincerely,

  
Steve Kinsey  
Marin County Supervisor

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