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May 24, 2004

Alhambra Creek Restoration and  
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c/o Muir Heritage Land Trust and  
Martinez Adult Education  
600 F Street  
Martinez, CA 94553

Dear Friends:

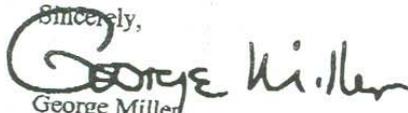
I am writing in strong support of your efforts to obtain \$40,000 from the California Coastal Conservancy for an environmental education coordinator to advance interdisciplinary, project-based environmental education in the Alhambra Creek watershed.

This project is part of a collaborative effort to restore Alhambra Creek in the City of Martinez, bringing together the City, the School District, the Muir Heritage Land Trust, the state Department of Water Resources, and Shell Refinery. This grant will continue the work started by the City of Martinez to reduce severe flooding and enhance Alhambra Creek with bank stabilization, restoration, and critical habitat protection. Serving under-served teenagers including alternative and continuing education students as well as comprehensive high school and primary school students, the project will provide school-to-work links in resource management and other environmentally focused careers.

I was instrumental in assisting the City in obtaining \$1.5 million from the Federal Emergency Hazard Mitigation Grant Program which provided erosion protection and improved creek capacity. In addition the project provided for creek alignment, increasing creek capacity and eliminating erosion.

I commend your efforts and wish you success with your application. Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

  
George Miller  
Member of Congress

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May 28, 2004

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

Dear Mr. Morabito:

I am writing in support of the Martinez Unified School District's grant application for \$40,000 to be used to fund an environmental education coordinator position in conjunction with the Alhambra Creek Restoration project.

The Martinez Alternative Education Department of the Martinez Unified School District has formed a very strong partnership within the community (including the City of Martinez, the Urban Creeks Council, the Muir Heritage Land Trust, and Friends of Alhambra Creek) to support the restoration project.

Other components of this restoration project have been supported by grants from the California Department of Water Resources and by Contra Costa County's Fish and Wildlife Commission. Awarding of the grant request through the Coastal Conservancy will ensure that underserved teenagers in the region will receive interdisciplinary, project-based environmental education in the Alhambra Creek watershed. Funding of the education coordinator position will provide school-to-work links in resource management and other environmentally focused careers and will promote values of stewardship among youth in the community.

I hope that you will look favorably upon the grant request submitted by the Martinez Alternative Education Department. If you have any questions regarding this letter of support, please feel free to contact my district office at (925) 372-7990.

Sincerely,

*Joseph Canciamilla*  
JOSEPH CANCIAMILLA  
Assemblymember, 11<sup>th</sup> District

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cc: R. Marshall Burgamy, Martinez Alt. Ed.

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May 27, 2004

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

Dear Mr. Morabito:

I am writing this letter to urge the California State Coastal Conservancy to approve the Martinez Adult Education's request for \$40,000 in funding to support an environmental education coordinator. This coordinator would advance interdisciplinary, project-based environmental education in the Alhambra Creek watershed in Martinez.

I am thankful for the Coastal Conservancy's present support for the restoration of Alhambra Creek. The partners behind this program hope to enhance these efforts with an educational component. I believe such an enhancement would have great benefits for the project and the residents of this region.

I have watched this program and the wonderful partnership behind it for several years. I am proud that the City of Martinez, Muir Heritage Land Trust, Urban Creeks Council, Friends of Alhambra Creek, and Martinez Adult Education have joined together in this fashion. I believe this partnership is a model that not only deserves support but should be replicated.

This project will help underserved teenagers in the region, including alternative and continuing education students. It will promote environmental stewardship values among the youth in the area. It also will provide school-to-work links in resource management and other environmentally focused careers.

It is for these reasons that I am pleased to support this funding request. I hope the Coastal Conservancy will support funding the environmental education coordinator position. I am excited about this program and the people that are making such great progress through it.

Sincerely,

*Tom Torlakson*

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June 2, 2004

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

Dear Mr. Morabito:

I am writing to urge your support of the Martinez Alternative Education Campus Alhambra Creek Restoration project. This grant proposal will help fund an environmental education coordinator to advance interdisciplinary project based environmental education in the Alhambra Creek watershed.

This project will serve underserved teenagers in the region – alternative and continuing education students as well as comprehensive high school and primary school students. It will also provide school-to-work links in resource management and other environmentally focused careers.

The Alhambra Creek Restoration project includes a strong partnership component, bringing together the district, the City of Martinez, the land trust, business, cbo's and nonprofits. The work is grounded in real restoration projects at the school site and in the region.

This project will promote values of environmental stewardship among youth and in the community. I strongly urge your support for the Martinez Alternative Education Campus Alhambra Creek Restoration.

Sincerely,

Gayle B. Uilkema, Supervisor  
Contra Costa County, District 2

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**City of Martinez**

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May 11, 2004

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

Re: Coastal Conservancy Grant Support,  
Martinez Clean Water Program partnership

Dear Mr. Morabito:

The Martinez School District in partnership with the City of Martinez, Muir Heritage Land Trust, Friends of Alhambra Creek and the Urban Creeks Council of California has received a grant of \$197,400 from the State of California Department of Water Resources for the Martinez Alternative Education Campus Alhambra Creek Restoration.

One of the tasks of this grant was the establishment of an Environmental Academy at the school site. It was envisioned by the grant partners that this would develop in a long-term environmental education program. Eventually this program may include students from Alhambra High, Martinez Junior High and even elementary schools. It was envisioned this program be primarily funded through grants obtained by Muir Heritage Land Trust or Martinez Unified School District. The City's Clean Water Program proposes to fund a portion of the program (\$10,000 per year).

A yearly report from the students will be included in the City's Annual NPDES Report to the Regional Water Quality Board. We are excited and supportive of their grant opportunity.

Sincerely,

Tim Tucker, P.E.  
City Engineer

CC MUSD: Dan White, Superintendent  
R. Marshall Burgamy, Directory  
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