

## EXHIBIT 4: Letters of Support

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November 8, 2004



Mr. Paul Morabito, Chairman  
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### Proposed Conservancy Authorization for Planning Enhancement of Ballona Wetlands

Dear Mr. Morabito:

I am writing to encourage the Conservancy to authorize funding for planning the enhancement and restoration of the Ballona Wetlands in Los Angeles County. The project area is owned by the Department of Fish and Game and the State Lands Commission. The Department of Fish and Game is working with the Conservancy to develop a restoration plan. Conservancy funding is critical to implementing this important project.

The total project area is more than 600-acres and it represents an extremely valuable and exciting opportunity to restore remnant coastal wetlands in southern California, and the largest coastal wetland restoration project ever undertaken in Los Angeles County. Restoration of the Ballona Wetlands has long been identified as a conservation priority within the region, both for the potential habitat enhancement and as a mechanism to protect endangered species.

The Ballona Wetlands have a long and contentious history. The Conservancy's experience developing restoration plans and its commitment to engaging the stakeholders will be important to the success of the project. Given both the complexity of the site and the need for extensive public involvement, adequate funding for the restoration planning is essential. I encourage you to support the recommended authorization.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "C.F. Raysbrook".

C.F. Raysbrook  
Regional Manager  
South Coast Region

cc: Department of Fish and Game  
Terri Stewart, LMMP, San Diego

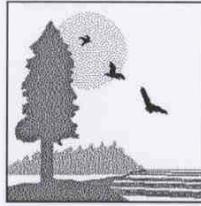
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The total project area is more than 600 acres and it is one of the largest and best remaining opportunities to restore coastal wetlands in southern California. This will be the largest coastal wetland restoration project in Los Angeles County. Restoration of the Ballona Wetlands has long been identified as a priority within the region, both for the potential habitat enhancement and the opportunity to preserve scenic open space in the center of urban Los Angeles.

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A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Paul D. Thayer". The signature is fluid and cursive.

PAUL D. THAYER  
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