

Exhibit 2: Letters of Support



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San Francisco Bay Region



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Arnold Schwarzenegger
Governor

November 3, 2004

Ms. Brenda Buxton
CA State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway Suite 1100
Oakland CA 94612

Subject: San Francisco Estuary Watersheds Evaluation project

Dear Brenda,

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We are looking at our beneficial use designations in the San Francisco Bay Basin Plan, and the information developed as part of this project could provide documentation necessary to designate both potential and existing beneficial uses related to cold freshwater habitat and preservation of rare, threatened, and endangered species.

This letter affirms my support for the Conservancy undertaking this project via its contractors at CEMAR. Please contact me at your convenience with questions or comments concerning this matter.

Sincerely,

Steven M. Moore
Planning Section Leader

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November 5, 2004

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I would support the Conservancy undertaking this project through its contractors at CEMAR. Please contact me if you would like to discuss this matter further.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Steve Rothert".

Steve Rothert
Associate Director,
Dams Program

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