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October 27, 2004

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Paul Morabito, Chair
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 11th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

Dear Mr. Morabito:

We are writing in support of the Coastal San Luis Resource Conservation District (CSLRCD) grant request for \$285,000 to address erosion control, flood management, and habitat enhancement in the Arroyo Grande Creek watershed.

The CSLRCD and its project partners believe a watershed-scale analysis of key erosion sources and their impact on creek stability in the Arroyo Grande Creek watershed is critical to the understanding of erosion processes in the lower watershed where a 40-year old levee system protecting farmland and nearby homes from periodic flooding constrains creek flows for three miles along the lower valley floor.

According to CSLRCD, due to a lack of maintenance over the decades, the lower portion of the levee system has filled with sediment. Today, the channel can only carry 15 percent of its original design capacity which has been reduced over the decades from managing a 100-year flood event to managing only a 2-year to 5-year flood event. In March 2001, the levee breached, flooding over two hundred acres of farmland and several homes.

The CSLRCD has proven to have the capacity to effectively manage major watershed planning and restoration projects, and is ideally positioned to manage the planning and restoration work proposed in the Arroyo Grande Creek watershed. We urge you to give every possible consideration for funding of this proposal. If we can provide any additional information to assist you in your decision, please let us know.

Sincerely,

ABEL MALDONADO
Assemblymember
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Senator
15th District

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KHATCHIK H. "KATCHO" ACHADJIAN
SUPERVISOR DISTRICT FOUR

Paul Morabito, Chair
State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 11th Floor
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Re: Support of Match Funding request by Coastal San Luis Resource Conservation District

Dear Chairman Morabito:

This letter is in support of the request of the Coastal San Luis Resource Conservation District (CSLRCD) for \$150,000 in matching funds from the Coastal Conservancy. These funds will match the \$150,000 allocated by the San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors to prepare an Alternatives Study with a comprehensive watershed enhancement and management plan for erosion control, flood management and habitat enhancement in the Arroyo Grande Creek watershed.

The CSLRCD has partnered and collaborated with several county organizations and agencies in an effort to find long-term solutions to sedimentation and flooding problems along the Arroyo Grande Creek. The analysis and recommendations which will be derived from the Alternatives Study are crucial to the health and safety of the community as well as the management of habitat in the watershed.

I am optimistic that a solution to methods of management for the Arroyo Grande Creek can be determined through this study. It is essential that we identify ways to prevent flooding while enhancing the habitat we all value. Thank you for your consideration of this request for matching funds.

Sincerely,

KHATCHIK H. "KATCHO" ACHADJIAN
Supervisor District Four

c: David Edge, CAO
Noel King, County Public Works Director
Gary Kobara, Chair Zone 1 1/A
Tom Runels, Chair Zone 3
Dee Santos, Chair South County Sanitation District

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United States Department of Agriculture



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November 1, 2004

Paul Morabito
State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 11th Floor
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Dear Mr. Morabito,

I am writing in support of the request by the Coastal San Luis Resource Conservation District for \$150,000 to carry out the Flooding Alternatives Study of Arroyo Grande Creek. This grant will be used to match \$150,000 in funding from San Luis Obispo County, approved by the SLO County Board of Supervisors last summer.

Completion of this study is an essential step in understanding the erosion, sediment transport and flooding dynamics of Arroyo Grande Creek and its watershed and will lead to the development and implementation of a watershed restoration plan. Flood control measures installed in the lower valley in the late 1950's under USDA's PL-566 Small Watersheds Program are inadequate for the watershed conditions and regulatory requirements that exist today. One thing hasn't changed – there are still several hundred acres of prime farmland that need protection from uncontrolled flooding and development pressure.

The Coastal San Luis RCD has been involved in natural resource protection, including prime farmland, in the Arroyo Grande watershed for the past 50 years. They have continued to be an active participant cooperating with Zone 1/1A Flood Control Advisory Committee, SLO County, NRCS, Central Coast Salmon Enhancement and others to fund the alternatives study and assist landowners with erosion and flood control technical assistance.

Many positive steps have been made in the community over the past three years to enable this planning process to move forward. I hope you will support the continuation of this important effort.

Sincerely,


Margy Lindquist
District Conservationist

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November 19, 2004

Mr. Paul Morabito, Chair
 State Coastal Conservancy
 1330 Broadway, Ste. 1100
 Oakland, CA 94612-2530

Dear Mr. Morabito,

Subject: Support for Arroyo Grande Creek Projects in San Luis Obispo County

We understand that the State Coastal Conservancy is considering two Arroyo Grande Creek projects for funding, at their December Board meeting. These projects will help reduce water quality impacts from non-point sources currently threatening Arroyo Grande Creek and help support our implementation efforts in this area. The first project will help fund construction of erosion control projects on privately owned farmland to reduce soil loss and sedimentation into lower Arroyo Grande Creek. The second project will develop a watershed-scale analysis of key erosion source areas and their impact on creek stability, water quality, downstream flooding, and riparian habitat values.

The Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board is very supportive of both projects since they are consistent our water quality efforts in this area. We have long been involved in issues related to water quality and habitat protection in Arroyo Grande Creek and other nearby coastal streams. These projects will help implement non-point source pollution control measures in this area, which will reduce water quality impacts, while improving valuable wetland and riparian habitat.

We appreciate the Coastal Conservancy's continued funding efforts that have succeeded in protecting coastal streams, like Arroyo Grande Creek and their natural resources. If you have any questions please call **Bill Hoffmann at (805) 772-3834**.

Sincerely,

for

Roger W. Briggs
 Executive Officer

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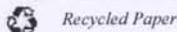


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San Luis Obispo County
FARM BUREAU
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State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 11th Floor
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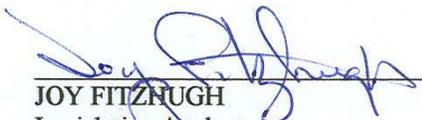
Dear Chairman Morabito,

I am writing to express our San Luis Obispo County Farm Bureau's support for the Coastal San Luis Resource Conservation District's (CSLRCD's) grant request for \$285,000 to address erosion control, flood management and habitat enhancement in the Arroyo Grande Creek watershed. Not only will this grant help the community at large, but it will also be a major step in saving our agricultural community where periodic flooding in the lower watershed has become a serious threat to future farming.

Because of the lack of adequate maintenance and bureaucratic log-jam, the lower Arroyo Grande Creek's flood channel can only carry approximately 15% of what it was originally designed to handle. If any more time is allowed to pass without appropriate restoration and correction, the farmers in the lower watershed will soon be out of the farming business.

The CSLRCD has successfully overseen and completed numerous restoration projects and has an excellent track record in working with our coastal farmers. Many farmers and ranchers are willing to work with the CSLRCD, as they have proven that they can successfully walk that fine line between protecting the natural resources/habitat and agricultural lands, resulting in protecting both. Through this grant award to the CSLRCD we believe that our lower Arroyo Grande Creek agriculturalists will have a future. Please give priority consideration to the approval of funding of this grant project.

Sincerely,


JOY FITZHUGH
Legislative Analyst

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DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES

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Duane P. Leib, Director



November 4, 2004

Paul Morabito, Chair
State Coastal Conservancy
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COASTAL SAN LUIS RCD ARROYO GRANDE WATERSHED GRANT REQUEST

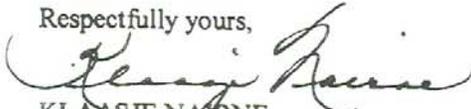
Dear Mr. Morabito:

As you know, the Coastal San Luis RCD is pursuing a grant from the California Coastal Conservancy for \$150,000 to partly fund a flooding alternatives study of the Arroyo Grande Creek. This study would address erosion control, flood management, and habitat enhancement. This funding is sorely needed and the Coastal Conservancy's support would be greatly appreciated.

The Oceano Airport is located adjacent to Arroyo Grande Creek and therefore, along with our many neighbors, subject to the growing probability of flooding caused by the lack of proper maintenance within the creeks levee system. In addition to the potential for catastrophic damage to numerous residences, commercial properties, and South County Sanitation District facility, flooding could force the closure of the airport.

Completion of the Coastal San Luis RCD flooding alternatives study would lead to an environmentally acceptable strategy for addressing this issue. The Coastal Conservancy's financial support, along with the \$150,000 already received from the County of San Luis Obispo, would play an important part in preventing a potential disaster to the community of Oceano.

Respectfully yours,


KLAASJE NAIRNE
Airports Manager



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October 27, 2004

Paul Morabito, Chair
State Coastal Conservatory
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Oakland, CA 94612-2530

Dear Mr. Morabito:

I correspond to request that the Coastal Conservatory Board of Directors, at your December 2, 2004, meeting support the request of the Coastal San Luis Resource Conservation District, for a \$150,000 grant to address erosion control, flood management, and habitat enhancement in the Arroyo Grande Creek watershed.

The Arroyo Grande Creek, a major flood control channel, flows in proximity to the Community of Oceano. The maintenance of the Arroyo Grande Creek is vital to preventing catastrophic flooding within the Oceano Community as well as protecting the South San Luis Obispo County Sanitation District Treatment Plant. A levee break causing flooding or other damage to the Treatment Plant would have dire consequences for the health, safety, and the tourism and agriculture economy of the Arroyo Grande/Grover Beach/Oceano area.

The Coastal San Luis Resource Conservation District and its project partners believe that a watershed-scale analysis of the key erosion sources and their impact on creek stability in the Arroyo Grande Creek is critical to the understanding of the erosion process in the lower watershed where a forty year old levee system protects farmland, nearby homes and the Treatment Plant from periodic flooding. Due to lack of maintenance over the decades, the lower portion of the levee system has filled with sediment reducing to fifteen percent the channels original carrying capacity. Originally designed to manage 100 year flood events, the current status of the Arroyo Grande Creek only manages two-year to five-year flood events. In March 2001, the levee breached, flooding over two hundred acres of farmland and several homes.

Match funds from the Coastal Conservancy of \$150,000 is being requested by the Resource Conservation District to prepare a comprehensive watershed enhancement and

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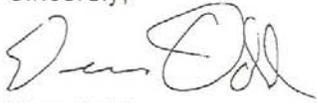
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management plan for erosion control, flood management, and habitat enhancement in the Arroyo Grande Creek. Conservancy funds would be used to evaluate the behavior of the entire stream system with the understanding that developing a viable flood management plan for the lower watershed requires analysis of the upper watershed as well.

For the past two decades, the Coastal San Luis RCD has served as the Coastal Conservancy's primary partner in San Luis Obispo County on major watershed planning and restoration projects. The Coastal San Luis RCD has proven to have the capacity to effectively manage major watershed planning and restoration projects and is ideally positioned to manage the planning and restoration work proposed in the Arroyo Grande Creek watershed.

As President of the Board of Directors, I strongly recommend that the grant funding requested by the Coastal San Luis Resource Conservation District be favorably acted upon by the Coastal Conservancy. If you have any questions of me or if I can provide and further information to move the grant request to fruition, please do not hesitate to call upon me.

Sincerely,



Vern Dahl
President, Board of Directors

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November 10, 2004

Paul Morabito, Chair
State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 11th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

Re: Support of Coastal San Luis RCD request for Arroyo Grande Creek Watershed

Dear Mr. Morabito,

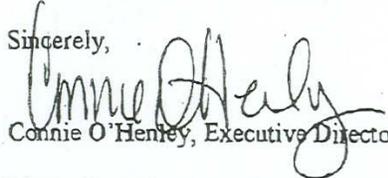
On behalf of Central Coast Salmon Enhancement (CCSE), I would like to ask the Coastal Conservancy Board of Directors to support the request of the Coastal San Luis RCD for a \$150,000 grant to address erosion control, flood management, and habitat enhancement in the Arroyo Grande Creek watershed. We have been working in partnership with the RCD, NRCS and the community to resolve long-standing sedimentation and flooding problems along Arroyo Grande Creek. This study is the crucial foundation upon which decisions will be made about these problems.

During the past four years, CCSE has developed and administered a stakeholder-based watershed organization, the Arroyo Grande Watershed Forum, for the Arroyo Grande Creek watershed. The Forum has successfully been engaging the community in education and volunteer programs to build local support for restoration and enhancement activities. The steering committee for the Forum is currently completing a preliminary assessment of the watershed that will be instrumental in the RCD study. We planned our work to be the first phase of a comprehensive watershed study, positioning the scopes of work to articulate for efficiency, including the selection of consultants and the timing of the work.

We are delighted to continue our partnership with the RCD and the community, particularly landowners, in seeking a more comprehensive resolution to flooding and sediment problems while addressing, proactively, how the flood control channel can be reconfigured and managed to enhance habitat, particularly for steelhead trout. The RCD study will be critical in further understanding erosional processes in the lower watershed where a 40 year old levee system protecting farmland and residences from periodic flooding constrains creek flows for approximately three miles. Due to a lack of maintenance, the levee system has been filling with sediment to the degree that it can only manage a 2-year to 5-year flood event. In March 2001, the levee breached, flooding over two hundred acres of farmland and several homes. Conservancy funds would be used to evaluate the geomorphological behavior of the entire stream system with the understanding that developing viable management actions for the lower watershed requires analysis of the upper watershed as well.

We have an able team ready to continue to work together with qualified technical consultants and agencies, and look forward to participating on the technical advisory committee and in the public input and review process for the study. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


Connie O'Henry, Executive Director

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Jim G. Dickens

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November 7, 2004

Mr. Paul Morabito, Chair
State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 11th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

Letter of Support For Arroyo Grande Creek Watershed Study

Dear Mr. Morabito,

The State Coastal Conservancy's support of the Coastal San Luis Resource Conservation District's grant request for the Arroyo Grande Creek Watershed Study is of vital importance. These funds will assist with a flood control management proposal for the lower portion of the creek (flood control channel) and sedimentation and erosion control identification plan to address future flood control restrictions.

As an agricultural landowner in the upper Arroyo Grande Valley, our property and agricultural operations are not directly impacted from the current flood control dilemma, although, if conditions are not addressed, significant flooding impacts place the Arroyo Grande Valley agricultural industry at risk. The agricultural infrastructure for this Valley is reliant upon shipping facilities and business services located within the lower flood control district. (Zone 1)

In 1997, the City of Arroyo Grande adopted the "Coordinated Agricultural Support Program" (CASP) prepared for the City and the State Coastal Conservancy and strongly supported by the San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors. The CASP study goals included: data analysis and baseline mapping of the agricultural resources in the Arroyo Grande Valley; organize community workshops to identify issues of concern; analyze alternatives for supporting the local agricultural economy; recommend new approaches to coordinate public policies between State, County, and cities which support agricultural use in the Valley; and identify potential Coastal Conservancy projects for future funding.

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The CASP Study identified the Arroyo Grande Valley as one of the most highly productive areas of agricultural land within San Luis Obispo County. (page 1-7) The Study continues by stating,

“The economics of commercial agricultural production in the Arroyo Grande Valley are relatively straightforward: The landowners and lessees who produce and ship the crops are a highly proficient and experienced group of farmers who know the valley well, understand the larger environment in which they compete, and have consistently prosper – or at least held steady against the trend toward urbanization that engulfed so many other coastal agricultural areas in California.” (page 1-17)

As long as the lower Arroyo Grande Valley agricultural properties and support facilities are in serious flooding risk, the entire agricultural industry within the Valley is in jeopardy. Identifying long-term flood solutions is critical to a sustainable agricultural economy. Without assurances and support from the State, County and conservation agencies, the pressure to “sale-out” to development will only be greater for farmers in this area. The California State Coastal Conservancy has made a previous financial commitment to our Valley’s agricultural resources and we are now requesting continued support.

Thank you for your foresight and consideration to protect the resources so valuable to this Valley and California at large. I appreciate the time and effort given to this grant request.

Sincerely,



Jim Dickens, Representative
Dixson Ranch Agricultural Preserve

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November 10, 2004

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Mr. Paul Morabito, Chair
State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 11th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

RE: Arroyo Grande Creek Watershed Study

Dear Sir:

This letter is in regards supporting the fund for the Coastal San Luis Resource Conservation District's grant request for the Arroyo Grande Creek Watershed Study.

The study will provide flood control management for the lower portion of the creek and sedimentation and erosion control identification.

We are residents and agriculturalists and need to find solutions to the loss of agricultural production, environmental concerns, health issues in regards to the sewer treatment plant and the economic loss of business and tourism.

Thank You,

Mark Overduin
Bejo Seeds, Inc.

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November 8, 2004

Mr. Paul Morabito, Chair
State coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 11th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

Dear Mr. Morabito:

I am writing you to let you know of our flood control problem with the Arroyo Grande Creek watershed. I am a lifetime resident of Arroyo Grande and am involved in our family farming operation, which has been in the area for about 70 years. We have seen what proper flood control management can do and the extreme damage caused by poor management of the watershed.

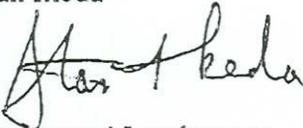
I am asking that the Coastal Conservancy Board of Directors, at their December 2nd meeting, support the request of the Coastal San Luis Resource Conservation District for a \$150,000 grant to address erosion control and sedimentation, flood management, and habitat enhancement in the Arroyo Grande Creek Watershed.

The lower creek flooding is a problem and flooding of farmland has caused great economic losses. The storms of March 2001 cause the levee to breach and flood over 200 acres of farmland and several homes. There is now danger of flooding with potential winter storms that could cause flooding of many more homes and the south county sewer treatment plant, which would create health and sanitation problems for the whole South County.

The funded study will help to find solutions for these problems in the Arroyo Grande Creek Watershed which is 40 year old levee system built to protect farmland and nearby homes from flooding along a 3 mile stretch of the valley. Due to lack of maintenance over the decades the levee system can carry only 15% of its capacity due to sedimentation.

We have been working as a group and now need funding for a study to find the best way to take care of this flooding problem so that we can protect the property of all the citizens of the watershed.

Sincerely,
Stan Ikeda



Farmer and Landowner

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November 5, 2004

Coastal Conservancy Board
1330 Broadway, 11th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

Re: Dec. 2 Board Meeting

Dear Chairman Morabito,

My name is Gary Kobara and I farm with my brother and father. Our family has farmed in Arroyo Grande since the 1920's. I am very concerned with the lack of maintenance on the Arroyo Grande Creek channel. I am asking that you support the request of the San Luis RCD for a \$150,000 grant to address erosion control, flood management and habitat enhancement in the Arroyo Grande watershed.

The Arroyo Grande flood control channel was built in the early 1960's to protect the valuable farmland and other properties in the valley. The flood control channel has helped our farm by controlling the floodwaters and allowing us to farm year round. If our ground were to become flooded not only would we lose the existing crop but also 1 or 2 of the following crops could show damage. In March 2001 the lower end of the south side levy failed and hundreds of acres of farm ground a few homes and business were flooded. Although this was terrible event it could have been much worse. If the levy were to break farther upstream hundreds more acres of prime farm ground will be damaged. Even worse damage would occur if the north side of the levy were to fail. There are many more homes and businesses along with the areas waste treatment plant on the north side of the levy. The cities of Arroyo Grande, Grover Beach and community of Oceano all rely on the waste treatment plant for sewage processing, so you can imagine the problems if all these people were not able to flush a toilet. Flooding of the plant could also cause contamination to the surrounding area, which includes homes, and environmentally sensitive areas.

It is vital that the \$150,000 matching grant be approved in order for the creek alternatives study to be done. It is the first step in helping to solve future flooding problems. Thank you for your help on this funding request.

Sincerely,



Gary Kobara, Pres.
S. Kobara & Sons

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Paul Morabito, Chair
State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 11th Floor
Oakland, Ca. 94612-2530

Dear Mr. Morabito:

I am writing in support of the request of the Coastal San Luis RCD for the \$150,000.00 grant to be used for flood management and soil erosion control in the Arroyo Grande Creek watershed.

I own property and live adjacent to the lower end of the Arroyo Grande creek and was directly affected adversely by the levy breach in March 2001.

It is a matter of record the creek has needed maintenance for many years. In its current state with all the sediment, it is unable to carry the amount of water it was designed to carry. The South County Sanitation Districts' sewer treatment facility sits next to the Arroyo Grande creek levee on the North side. Any breach of the levee affecting the sewage treatment plant would be catastrophic to the health and environment of the whole five cities area. The sewage treatment facility serves the cities of Grover Beach, Arroyo Grande, and Oceano.

I strongly urge you to approve the grant.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Glenda L. Guiton
property owner

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Robert A. Brown

617 Cerro Vista Circle
Arroyo Grande, CA 93420

Nov. 1, 2004

California State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway
Oakland, California

Dear Mr. Paul Morabito,

This is just a note to request that the Coastal Conservancy Board of Directors support the request of the Coastal San Luis Resources Conservation District (CSLRCD) for their very much needed \$150,000 to match a like sum they received from the San Luis Obispo County to prepare a management plan to control flooding of the lower three miles of the Arroyo Grande Creek.

As the author of the book "Story of the Arroyo Grande Creek" and member of the Central Coast ~~San Luis~~ Enhancement (C.C.S.E), a similar organization that works with the CSLRCD, since 1991, I have a good understanding of the problem and a sincere desire to have it solved. It would benefit the farmer and citizens of Arroyo Grande and Oceano. Your funds would serve many families in our area and be well used by CSLRCD, the CUSE and all other citizens in this area.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

Respectfully yours,

Robert A. Brown

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