

## Exhibit 5: Letters of Support

**STANDING COMMITTEES:**  
BUDGET & FISCAL REVIEW,  
CHAIR  
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY  
GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION  
HEALTH  
HUMAN SERVICES  
VETERANS AFFAIRS

STATE CAPITOL, ROOM 5035  
SACRAMENTO, CA 95814  
TEL (916) 445-3375  
FAX (916) 323-6958

April 13, 2005

Doug Bosco, Chairman  
State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 11th Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I am pleased to have this opportunity to support the Sinkyone Wilderness Road Rehabilitation Project as proposed by the Mendocino County Resource Conservation District.

This project will complete the decommissioning of 44 miles of abandoned logging roads, the removal of 192 stream crossings, and restore the affected areas to their natural habitat. In 2007, heavy equipment will be prohibited from operating within the park due to the wilderness designation and so it becomes even more critical to correct past land use impacts before that deadline. Removing these roads and fill crossings will reduce the amount of sediment directly deliverable to stream channels by approximately 184,000 cubic yards.

To date, 26.17 miles have been decommissioned. Funders on this project have been: Department of Fish and Game, Department of Parks and Recreation, OHV Division of Parks and Recreation and the State Water Resources Control Board.

The amount of sediment savings provides a significant benefit to water quality and fish habitat in the Eel, Mattole, and coastal watersheds. The results will enhance the beauty of the Sinkyone and the Lost Coast which draw approximately 50,000 visitors per year. Additionally, it will provide employment and economic benefits to the local communities.

Again, I fully support this effort to protect the unique natural and cultural resources of the Sinkyone Wilderness State Park and encourage your favorable consideration of the project. If you have any questions, please contact me at anytime.

Sincerely,



WESLEY CHESBRO  
State Senator, Second District

WC: lb

## California State Senate

SENATOR  
**WESLEY CHESBRO**  
SECOND SENATORIAL DISTRICT



**JOINT COMMITTEES:**  
JOINT COMMITTEE ON  
LEGISLATIVE BUDGET, CHAIR  
**SELECT COMMITTEES:**  
CALIFORNIA'S WINE INDUSTRY,  
CHAIR  
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES  
& MENTAL HEALTH, CHAIR  
BAY AREA TRANSPORTATION  
FORESTRY  
MOBILE & MANUFACTURED  
HOMES  
RURAL EDUCATION

RECEIVED

APR 18 2005

COASTAL CONSERVANCY  
OAKLAND, CALIF.

444 GEORGIA STREET  
VALLEJO, CA 94590  
TEL (707) 648-9312  
FAX (707) 648-5383

50 D STREET, SUITE 120A  
SANTA ROSA, CA 95404  
TEL (707) 576-2771  
FAX (707) 576-2773

710 E STREET, SUITE 150  
EUREKA, CA 95501  
TEL (707) 445-6508  
FAX (707) 445-6511

1040 MAIN STREET, SUITE 205  
NAPA, CA 94559  
TEL (707) 224-1990  
FAX (707) 224-1992

P.O. BOX 785  
UKIAH, CA 95482  
TEL (707) 468-8914  
FAX (707) 468-8931

Printed on Recycled Paper

STATE CAPITOL  
P.O. BOX 942849  
SACRAMENTO, CA 94249-0001  
PH (916) 319-2001  
FAX (916) 319-2101  
DISTRICT OFFICES:  
50 D STREET, SUITE 450  
SANTA ROSA, CA 95404  
PH (707) 576-2526  
FAX (707) 576-2297  
104 WEST CHURCH STREET  
UKIAH, CA 95482  
PH (707) 463-5770  
FAX (707) 463-5773  
235 4TH STREET, SUITE C  
EUREKA, CA 95501  
PH (707) 445-7014  
FAX (707) 445-6607

# Assembly California Legislature



**PATTY BERG**  
ASSEMBLYMEMBER, FIRST DISTRICT

**COMMITTEES:**  
AGING & LONG-TERM CARE, *Chair*  
AGRICULTURE  
APPROPRIATIONS  
WATER, PARKS & WILDLIFE

**JOINT COMMITTEE:**  
FISHERIES & AQUACULTURE, *Chair*

**SELECT COMMITTEES:**  
SUSTAINABILITY, *Chair*  
CALIFORNIA INDIAN NATIONS  
CALIFORNIA PORTS  
CALIFORNIA WINE  
COASTAL PROTECTION  
EARTHQUAKE SAFETY & PREPAREDNESS  
ELDER ABUSE  
RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

May 6, 2005

Doug Bosco, Chairman  
State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

Dear Mr. Bosco:

I am writing to express my support for the Sinkyone Wilderness Road Rehabilitation Project as proposed by the Mendocino County Resource Conservation District.

This project will complete the decommissioning of 44 miles of abandoned logging roads, the removal of 192 stream crossings, and restore the affected areas to their natural habitat. In 2007, heavy equipment will be prohibited from operating within the park due to the wilderness designation and so it becomes even more critical to correct past land use impacts before that deadline. Removing these roads and fill crossings will reduce the amount of sediment directly deliverable to stream channels by approximately 184,000 cubic yards.

The amount of sediment savings provides a significant benefit to water quality and fish habitat in the Eel, Mattole, and coastal watersheds. The results will enhance the beauty of the Sinkyone and the Lost Coast which draw approximately 50,000 visitors per year. Additionally, it will provide employment and economic benefits to the local communities.

I would appreciate your favorable consideration of this project. If I can be of further assistance please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patty Berg".

PATTY BERG  
Assemblymember 1<sup>st</sup> District

PB

**RECEIVED**

MAY 11 2005

COASTAL CONSERVANCY  
OAKLAND, CALIF.



Printed on Recycled Paper

## Exhibit 5: Letters of Support

KENDALL SMITH  
Supervisor  
Fourth District



Ukiah Office Phone: (707) 463-4221  
Ukiah Office Fax: (707) 463-4245  
Fort Bragg Office Phone: (707) 961-2696  
Fort Bragg Office Fax: (707) 961-4359  
E-mail: smithk@co.mendocino.ca.us

COUNTY OF MENDOCINO  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
501 Low Gap Road • Room 1090  
Ukiah, California 95482

April 6, 2005

Doug Bosco, Chairman  
State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

Dear Chairman Bosco:

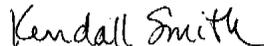
I am pleased to have this opportunity to support the Sinkyone Wilderness Road Rehabilitation Project as proposed by the Mendocino County Resource Conservation District.

This project will complete the decommissioning of 44 miles of abandoned logging roads, the removal of 192 stream crossings, and restore the affected areas to natural habitat. In 2007, heavy equipment will be prohibited from operating within the park due to its wilderness designation so it becomes even more critical to correct past land use impacts before that deadline. Removing these roads and fill crossings will reduce the amount of sediment directly deliverable to stream channels by approximately 184,000 cubic yards.

The amount of sediment savings provides a significant benefit to water quality and fish habitat in the Eel, Mattole, and coastal watersheds. The results will enhance the beauty of the Sinkyone and the Lost Coast which draw approximately 50,000 visitors per year. Additionally, it will provide employment and economic benefits to the local communities.

I fully support this effort to protect the unique natural and cultural resources of the Sinkyone Wilderness State Park and encourage your favorable consideration of the project.

Sincerely,



Kendall Smith  
4<sup>th</sup> District Supervisor  
Mendocino County Board of Supervisors

Exhibit 5: Letters of Support

United States Department of Agriculture



Natural Resources Conservation Service  
Ukiah Field Office  
405 Orchard Ave  
Ukiah, CA 95482  
(707) 468-9223  
(707) 468-5278 (Fax)

America's Conservation Agency

April 27, 2005

Doug Bosco, Chairman  
State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

Dear Chairman Bosco:

The Natural Resources Conservation Service supports the Sinkyone Wilderness Road Rehabilitation Project as designed by the Mendocino County Resource Conservation District.

Road based sediment is a serious pollutant throughout the North Coast region. The extensive road system in the Sinkyone has been an erosion-control priority for many years and restoration proposed by the Mendocino County RCD targets this important sediment source and will address water quality and fish habitat issues in this unique coastal basin.

Seeing this restoration implemented before the wilderness designation becomes effective in 2007 is critical to the unique natural and cultural resources found in the Sinkyone Wilderness State Park. Funding this project is an important step in resource conservation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephen Smith".

Stephen Smith  
District Conservationist  
Ukiah Field Office

The Natural Resources Conservation Service provides leadership in a partnership effort to help people conserve, maintain, and improve our natural resources and environment.

An Equal Opportunity Provider and Employer

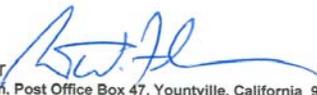
## Exhibit 5: Letters of Support

State of California

### Memorandum

To : Doug Bosco, Chair  
State Coastal Conservancy Board  
1330 Broadway, 11th Floor  
Oakland, California 94612-2530  
*SU CORBALAY*

Date: April 25, 2005

From : Robert W. Floerke, Regional Manager   
Department of Fish and Game - Central Coast Region, Post Office Box 47, Yountville, California 94599

Subject: Support of Mendocino County Resource Conservation District Sinkyone Road Restoration Project

The Sinkyone Wilderness State Park in Mendocino County is a coastal resource of great recreational and biological value. The park provides for multi-day hiking experiences undisturbed by vehicles, with opportunities to encounter fish and wildlife species in remote coastal mountainous terrain.

The park was formerly industrial forest land, but is now protected by the California State Park system. Included in the park are significant streams supporting coho salmon and steelhead trout, which have been adversely affected by past land use practices. Sediment from poorly constructed roads and landings has entered stream channels and degraded habitat, and much additional sediment remains in locations where it continues to enter stream channels during storm runoff events.

The Mendocino County Resource Conservation District, in partnership with the California Department of Parks and Recreation, is undertaking the Sinkyone Road Restoration Project which will prevent much future degradation by sediment. This work will improve future instream habitat and salmon and steelhead populations, and fits into the California Department of Fish and Game's "Recovery Strategy for California Coho Salmon."

We enthusiastically support the Mendocino County Resource Conservation District's funding request for the Sinkyone Road Restoration Project. If you have any questions regarding our comments, please contact Doug Albin, Senior Biologist Specialist, at (707) 964-7683; or Bob Coey, Senior Fisheries Biologist, at (707) 944-5582.

**RECEIVED**

APR 27 2005

COASTAL CONSERVANCY  
OAKLAND, CALIF.

## Exhibit 5: Letters of Support



April 20, 2005

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Priscilla Hunter**  
Chairperson  
Coyote Valley  
Band of Pomo  
Indians

**Valerie Stanley**  
Vice Chairperson  
Sherwood Valley  
Band of Pomo  
Indians

**Larwana Quisquitt**  
Secretary  
Robinson Rancheria

**Elizabeth Hansen**  
Treasurer  
Redwood Valley Little  
River Band of Pomo  
Indians

**Cherie Smith**  
Member  
Cabo Tribe of  
Laytonville Rancheria

**Randolph Feliz**  
Member  
Hopland Band of  
Pomo Indians

**Martha Knight**  
Member  
Pauisville Indian  
Reservation

**Poster Valley Little Lake**  
Pomo Tribe

**Edwina Lincoln**  
Member  
Reno Valley  
Indian Tribes

**Crista Ray**  
Member  
Scotts Valley  
Band of  
Pomo Indians

**SUPPORTING TRIBES**

**Carol Ervin**  
Representative  
Trinidad Rancheria

**Dale Rising**  
Representative  
Hoopa Valley  
Tribe

**ADMINISTRATION**

**Hawk Morales**  
Executive Director

Doug Bosco, Chair  
State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

Re: Sinkyone Wilderness State Park—Watershed Rehabilitation Project

Dear Mr. Bosco:

I am writing to you regarding the Sinkyone Watershed Rehabilitation Project, which is taking place in the Sinkyone Wilderness State Park in northwest Mendocino County. The InterTribal Sinkyone Wilderness Council is a 501(c) (3) nonprofit Native peoples' land conservation organization comprised of twelve federally recognized North Coast Indian tribes. The Council's purpose is to protect, preserve, and restore the wildland values, natural/cultural resources, and sensitive ecosystems located within the Sinkyone region of Southern Humboldt and Northern Mendocino counties.

The Council owns and manages the 3,844-acre InterTribal Sinkyone Wilderness situated in the upper reaches of the Sinkyone State Park coastal watersheds that are being restored through this rehabilitation project. The Council is working in partnership with the Department of Parks and Recreation's North Coast Redwoods District on this project, and on a number of other State Parks/Council collaborative projects designed to increase public enjoyment and enhance cultural/natural resource protection along this incomparable stretch of coastal wilderness.

The four-year Sinkyone Watershed Project (2003-2006) will enter its third year this summer season. This important project will rehabilitate approximately forty-four miles of abandoned logging roads, log landings, and stream crossings. The rehabilitation is accomplished by restoring the roads, landings and crossings to their original slope gradients and watershed functions, which were in place for millennia before becoming severely impaired from logging practices that were finally halted in the mid-1980's.

Thus far, the project has saved substantial sediment loads, which otherwise would have continued to pour into our coastal streams and thence into our ocean waters, further impacting sensitive salmonid and other native species. A number of native Sinkyone plant and animal species, and several Sinkyone salmonid-bearing streams and estuaries are directly benefiting from the significant reduction of sediments that has resulted from the project's work to date. The Council provides cultural resource monitoring for the project and, with the State Parks' assistance, will conduct a heavy-equipment operator's training program in watershed rehabilitation for tribal members this summer as part of the overall project work.

---

InterTribal Sinkyone Wilderness Council is a Non-Profit Consortium of California Indian Tribes  
*Native Stewardship Cultural Preservation Watershed Rehabilitation and Management Ecology Education*

## Exhibit 5: Letters of Support

I understand that the Mendocino County Resource Conservation District (RCD) has submitted a request to the Conservancy for funding support that would enable State Parks to conduct Year Four of the Watershed Project (summer 2006). To date, the project has been supported by a variety of funding sources that, in combination, will allow for completion of the project's first three years. In order for the project to fully achieve its restoration goals, it is crucial that that all four project years be completed. The Conservancy's support of this important project will assure its full and timely completion.

The InterTribal Sinkyone Wilderness Council urges you to support this worthy request. Funding support for completion of the Sinkyone Watershed Rehabilitation Project will result in much-needed restoration for the Sinkyone Wilderness land, with many long-lasting benefits for the coastal waters, the wildlife and wildland values, the public, and the State of California. Thank you for your consideration. Please call me at (707) 463-6745 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Hawk Rosales  
Executive Director  
InterTribal Sinkyone Wilderness Council

cc: Janet Olave, Executive Director, Mendocino County RCD  
Su Corbaley, Project Manager, Coastal Conservancy  
Steve Horvitz, Superintendent, State Parks, N. Coast Redwoods District  
Don Beers, RTR Supervisor, State Parks, N. Coast Redwoods District  
Brian Merrill, Engineering Geologist, State Parks, N. Coast Redwoods District

**RECEIVED**

APR 22 2005

COASTAL CONSERVANCY  
OAKLAND, CALIF.