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April 20, 2005

The Honorable Douglas H. Bosco, Chairman
California State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, Suite 1100
Oakland, CA 94612

Attn: Brenda Buxton, via fax: (510) 286-3840

Dear Chairman Bosco: *DOUG*

I am writing to endorse PRBO Conservation Science's outreach program and their pending funding request to the Coastal Conservancy for outreach and education facilities at their new headquarters building in Petaluma.

PRBO is a scientific leader in the massive effort to restore and manage San Francisco Bay's wetlands. For many years, their outreach and education programs have helped students of all ages understand the ecological importance of our environment. Their innovative and effective educational programs with K-12 students provide an important opportunity for science and ecology learning in local surroundings. Their new facility in Petaluma will enable PRBO and other groups to better meet the growing demand for these valuable services.

The future stewardship of our environment depends upon an informed and educated community. PRBO plays a critical role in ensuring that our citizens can manage our resources in the context of more pressures on them.

With appreciation for the assistance and consideration of the Coastal Conservancy members and staff, I hope you will approve the PRBO grant request in full.

Sincerely,

CAROLE MIGDEN

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April 26, 2005

The Honorable Douglas H. Bosco, Chairman
California State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, Suite 1100
Oakland, CA 94612

RE: Funding Request by the PRBO Conservation Science for Educational Facilities at their new San Francisco Bay Research Center

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I am writing to respectfully request your support for the Point Reyes Bird Observatory (PRBO) Conservation Science's outreach program, and their pending funding request to the Coastal Conservancy for continued outreach and educational facilities at their new headquarters building in Petaluma, California.

PRBO is a scientific leader in the massive effort to restore and manage San Francisco Bay's wetlands. For many years, their outreach and educational programs have helped students of all ages understand the ecological importance of our environment. Their innovative and effective educational programs with K-12th grade students provide an important opportunity for science and ecology learning in local surroundings.

PRBO's new facility in Petaluma, California, will enable them, as well as other groups, to better meet the growing demand for these valuable services. The future stewardship of our environment depends upon an informed and educated community. PRBO plays a critical role in ensuring that our citizens can manage our resources in the context of more pressures on these existing resources.

I fully support PRBO's commitment to outreach and educational environments, and I urge the California Coastal Conservancy to fund PRBO's request to further advance their goals. Thank you for your attention and serious consideration. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe Nation".

JOE NATION
Assemblyman, Marin and Sonoma Counties

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cc: Ellie M. Cohen, Executive Director, PRBO Conservation Science
John Baker, Foundation Relations, PRBO Conservation Science

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CITY OF PETALUMA

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Pamela Torliatt
Councilmember

April 23, 2005

The Honorable Douglas H. Bosco, Chairman
California State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, Suite 1100
Oakland, CA 94612

Attn: Brenda Buxton, via fax: (510) 286-3840

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I am writing to voice my support for PRBO Conservation Science's outreach program and their pending funding request to the Coastal Conservancy for outreach and education facilities at their new headquarters building in Petaluma. The City Council of Petaluma is especially supportive of educating our community about the ecology of our surroundings and building awareness about preserving our rich natural heritage.

PRBO is a scientific leader in the massive effort to restore and manage San Francisco Bay's wetlands. For many years, their outreach and education programs have helped students of all ages understand the ecological importance of our environment. Their innovative and effective educational programs with K-12 students provide an important opportunity for science and ecology learning in local surroundings. Their new facility in Petaluma will enable PRBO and other groups to better meet the growing demand for these valuable services.

The future stewardship of our environment depends upon an informed and educated community. PRBO plays a critical role in ensuring that our citizens can manage our resources in the context of more pressures on them.

With appreciation for the assistance and consideration of the Coastal Conservancy members and staff, I hope you will approve the PRBO grant request in full.

Sincerely,

Pamela Torliatt
Petaluma City Councilmember
Member, Association of Bay Area Governments
San Francisco Estuary Project Implementation Committee

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Attn: Brenda Buxton, via fax: (510) 286-3840

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I am writing to express my support for PRBO Conservation Science's funding request to the Coastal Conservancy, for the construction of education and outreach facilities at their new headquarters at Shollenberger Park in Petaluma.

The Bay Institute (TBI) is an environmental non-profit organization that is dedicated to the protection and restoration the ecosystems of San Francisco Bay, the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, and the rivers, streams, and watersheds tributary to the Estuary. For the past six years, TBI has partnered with PRBO Conservation Science to develop and facilitate a Bird Program as part of TBI's STRAW (Students and Teachers Restoring A Watershed) Project.

The STRAW Project coordinates and sustains a network of teachers, students, restoration specialists and other community members as they plan and implement watershed studies and restoration projects in Marin, Sonoma, and Napa counties. As a large collaborative project, STRAW provides teachers and students with the scientific, educational and technical resources to prepare them for hands-on, outdoor watershed studies, including ecological restoration of riparian corridors.

The STRAW Bird Program is an example of how PRBO provides community-based conservation education for youth in the San Francisco Bay Area. In particular, PRBO uses birds to teach about conservation science and environmental stewardship, and provides opportunities for

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science learning and environmental awareness to K-12 students in San Francisco, Marin and Sonoma counties.

We look forward to developing an even stronger relationship with PRBO in their new location. Our STRAW teachers will benefit from the new facilities. The proposed new conference room will allow PRBO to offer teacher workshops and public seminars in conjunction with the STRAW Project, and the facility's Education Hall will serve as a new destination for local environmental education groups.

Thank you for considering funding for PRBO's new education and outreach facilities in Petaluma. PRBO is a highly accomplished organization in the area of bird conservation science and education, and deserves the full support of the Coastal Conservancy in their exciting new venture.

Sincerely,

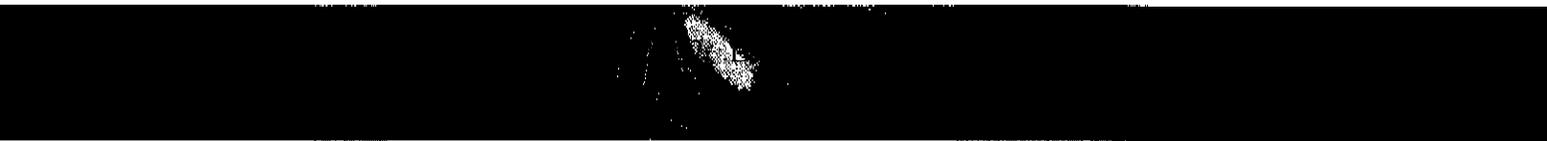


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The Honorable Douglas H. Bosco, Chairman
California State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, Suite 1100
Oakland, CA 94612

Attn: Brenda Buxton, via fax: (510) 286-3840

April 25, 2005

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I am writing to express my support for PRBO Conservation Science's funding request to the Coastal Conservancy, for the construction of education and outreach facilities at their new headquarters at Shollenberger Park in Petaluma.

The Environmental Education Council of Marin (EECOM) was formed in 1999 and is comprised of more than 130 affiliates who represent the environmental, educational, business, and community sectors of Marin. The council is committed to fostering ecological literacy through raising awareness about links between education and the environment, fostering stewardship, and building interconnections between distinct subsets within society.

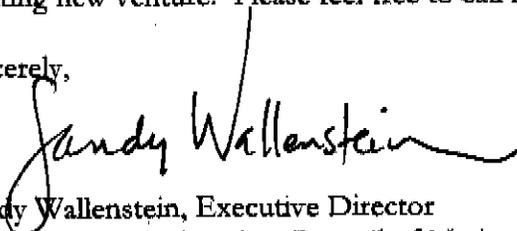
A long-standing affiliate of EECOM, PRBO provides community-based conservation education for youth and adults in the San Francisco Bay Area. In particular, PRBO uses birds to teach about conservation science and responsible environmental stewardship, and provides opportunities for science learning and environmental awareness to K-12 students in San Francisco, Marin and Sonoma counties.

We look forward to developing an even stronger relationship with PRBO in their new location. The new facility will increase their capacity both to provide outreach to schools and adult groups, and to partner more effectively with other EE organizations both in Marin and Sonoma. Also, the proposed new conference room will allow PRBO to offer teacher workshops and public seminars in conjunction with EE partners, and the facility's Education Hall will serve as a new destination for local environmental education groups.

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Thank you for considering funding for PRBO's new education and outreach facilities in Petaluma. PRBO is a highly accomplished organization in the area of bird conservation science and education, and deserves the full support of the Coastal Conservancy in their exciting new venture. Please feel free to call me (415)485-4908 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sandy Wallenstein". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

Sandy Wallenstein, Executive Director
Environmental Education Council of Marin