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January 13, 2005

California Coastal Conservancy
San Francisco Bay Program
1330 Broadway, 11th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Members of the California Coastal Conservancy:

I am writing to ask for your support of the Southern Sonoma County Resource Conservation District's effort for funding to find practical solutions to address ecosystem restoration and flood control on Sonoma Creek. This is a worthwhile effort that deserves the strongest consideration.

The funding and implementation of real on-the-ground solutions in this watershed is vital to the health of the watershed and critical to local property owners. I would hope that this project is given high priority for the San Francisco Bay and San Pablo Bay watersheds and will significantly influence direction of major restoration projects in the North Bay area.

Sonoma Creek is a key watershed identified in the San Pablo Watershed Plan, probably the most ambitious restoration effort on the West coast, whose aim is to restore thousand of acres of wetlands and riparian zones on the Northern shores of San Francisco Bay.

From my work with them during my tenure, I know that the Southern Sonoma County RCD has long-time experience and expertise in this region and has earned the respect of local landowners. Practical solutions that can be permitted require the willingness of local landowners and acceptance of community stakeholders.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Wesley Chesbro".

WESLEY CHESBRO
State Senator, Second District

WC: jl

cc: J. Leandra Swent, District Manager
Southern Sonoma County Resource Conservation District

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December 10, 2004

The Honorable Lynn Woolsey
6th District, Member of Congress
House of Representatives
1101 College Avenue, Suite 200
Santa Rosa, California 95404

Dear Congresswoman Woolsey:

Lower Sonoma Creek Restoration

I am responding to the letter addressed to Jim Kellogg, Chairman of the Wildlife Conservation Board, in support of the application from the Southern County Resources Conservation District for planning and restoration work along Sonoma Creek. First of all, thank you for taking the time to express your interest in this project. My understanding is that the State Coastal Conservancy (SCC) is now considering this application for funding, which includes preparation of studies and development of restoration planning documents.

The Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB) has cooperated with the SCC on a number of similar projects within the San Francisco Bay Area. In most cases the WCB considers project funding for projects that have moved beyond the study and planning phase and are nearing construction. At this time, we have not received an application or request for this project, but anticipate working with all the interested parties in the near future as this project progresses.

If you have any additional questions or comments feel free to contact me at (916) 445-0137 or Ms. Bonnie Turner, Project Manager, at (916) 445-1093, assigned to this area.

Sincerely,

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Al Wright
Executive Director

cc: Jim Kellogg, Chairman
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