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The Honorable Mike Chrisman
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Chair, State Coastal Conservancy
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c/o Rebecca Pollock, Project Manager

RE: Support for the Ocean Protection Council and Sea Grant Partnership for Ocean and Coastal Research

Dear Mr. Chrisman and Mr. Bosco;

This letter is in support of the idea of a partnership between the the Ocean Protection Council and California's two Sea Grant programs: the California Sea Grant College Program and University of Southern California Sea Grant Program. The purpose would be to use some of the Ocean Protection Council's money on research that will help California better manage its marine and coastal resources.

This partnership idea makes good sense because Sea Grant already has a very good system set up for getting top notch scientists to submit research proposals and for thoroughly evaluating, reviewing and selecting the best ones. This way the Ocean Protection Council does not have to re-invent the wheel, but instead can make use of the machinery already in place. This I think will make the process very efficient and well managed.

Sincerely yours,

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RE: Support for the Ocean Protection Council and Sea Grant Partnership for Ocean and Coastal Research

Dear Mr. Chrisman and Mr. Bosco;

I strongly support the proposed partnership between the new California Ocean Protection Council and California's two Sea Grant programs: the California Sea Grant College Program and University of Southern California Sea Grant Program. I understand that through this partnership, these programs would administer scientific research grants funded by the Council.

As the Chair of the University of California Marine Council, Director of the Institute of Marine Sciences at the University of California, Santa Cruz, and also a member of the California Sea Grant Advisory Committee, I feel strongly that research is necessary in order to fill existing gaps in knowledge that hinder effective policy and decision-making. I understand that one of the Council's primary objectives is to provide high-quality information and data based on solid research in order to support good management of ocean and coastal resources.

The Information, Research, and Outreach Strategy submitted to the Council for adoption suggests that a firm commitment be made to funding scientific research. This overlaps the goals of the California Sea Grant College Program and University of Southern California Sea Grant Program, and signals a natural partnership. Both the California Sea Grant College Program and University of Southern California Sea Grant

have a credible extensive review process in place that includes peer review, scientific review, and state priority review panels.

Sea Grant also requires a 50% match for research awards, a stipulation that, if required for Council awards, could further augment Council investment in scientific research. The proposed partnership will significantly extend the reach of the Council's solicitation to a large pool of potential applicants for funding and provide critical peer review such that only the strongest and most relevant proposals are funded.

I encourage the Ocean Protection Council to find that the partnership to review, fund, and administer scientific research projects with the California Sea Grant College Program and University of Southern California Sea Grant Program is of high priority, and the Coastal Conservancy to authorize expenditure of $1,000,000 of Council funding it at its next meeting.

Sincerely,

Gary B. Griggs
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RE: Support for the Ocean Protection Council and Sea Grant Partnership for Ocean and Coastal Research

Dear Mr. Chrisman and Mr. Bosco:

I am writing to express my strong support for the partnership between the Ocean Protection Council and California's two Sea Grant programs: the California Sea Grant College Program and University of Southern California Sea Grant Program. Through this partnership, scientific research grants funded by the Council would be administered by these programs. I am a member of the Sea Grant Advisory Board and have had an opportunity to witness the accomplishments of Sea Grant for a number of years. I am not eligible to apply for grants, and have no conflict of interest in my support of this very promising partnership. It is my strong impression that the following are accurate and true statements:

- The California Sea Grant College Program and University of Southern California Sea Grant Program have a credible, proven, and extensive review process in place that includes peer review, scientific review, and state priority review panels.
- Sea Grant's annual request for proposals solicits high-quality research projects and requires a 50 percent match for grant awards, a stipulation that, if required for Council awards, could further augment Council investment in scientific research.
- The partnership will extend the reach of the Council's solicitation to a large pool of potential applicants for funding.
- The absence of credible information is a real impediment to effective decision-making and policy. One of the Council's primary objectives is to provide high-quality research to support management of ocean and coastal resources. The Information, Research, and Outreach Strategy submitted to the Council for adoption suggests that a firm commitment be made to funding scientific research. This overlaps the goals of the California Sea Grant College Program and University of Southern California Sea Grant Program and signals a natural partnership.

I encourage the Ocean Protection Council to find that the partnership to review, fund, and administer scientific research projects with the California Sea Grant College Program and University of Southern California Sea Grant Program is of high priority, and the Coastal Conservancy to authorize expenditure of $1,000,000 of Council funding it at its next meeting.

Sincerely,

Helen Ingram

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Dear Mr. Chrisman and Mr. Bosco:

I am writing to express my strong support for the partnership between the Ocean Protection Council and California's two Sea Grant programs: the California Sea Grant College Program and University of Southern California Sea Grant Program. Through this collaboration, scientific research grants funded by the Council would be fairly and effectively administered.

Scripps Institution of Oceanography provides space and financial support for the California Sea Grant College Program and the Institution believes that the principles of Sea Grant, including extensive scientific peer review as well as consideration of State priorities, make it the logical entity for this function. It is critical that the Council support the national standards that provide direction to Sea Grant while supplementing these principles with its own priorities including those stated by the California Ocean Protection Act and the developing Information, Research, and Outreach Strategy. The Council, from our perspective, is well versed on the research necessary to fill existing gaps in knowledge that hinder effective policy and decision-making. An expanded pool of applicants for such funding within California is critical to pursuing solutions.

Presently, any expansion of the responsibilities of Sea Grant beyond their current funding levels is likely to require additional staff and space. In the case of the California Sea Grant program that occupies a building at Scripps, any expansion will almost certainly require additional, incremental resources. We are committed to working with the Council to make this work.

I encourage the Ocean Protection Council to find that the partnership to review, fund, and administer scientific research projects with the California Sea Grant College Program and University of Southern California Sea Grant Program is of high priority, and that the

Coastal Conservancy authorize expenditure of $1,000,000 of Council funds at its next meeting.

Sincerely,

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September 7, 2005

The Honorable Mike Chrisman
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Oakland, CA 94612
c/o Rebecca Pollock, Project Manager

Subject: Support for the Ocean Protection Council and Sea Grant Partnership for Ocean and Coastal Research

Dear Mr. Chrisman and Mr. Bosco:

I would like to express my strong support for the partnership between the Ocean Protection Council and California's two Sea Grant programs: the California Sea Grant College Program and University of Southern California Sea Grant Program. Through this partnership, these programs would administer scientific research grants funded by the Council.

One of the Council's primary objectives is to provide high-quality research to support management of ocean and coastal resources. The Information, Research, and Outreach Strategy submitted to the Council for adoption suggests that a firm commitment be made to funding scientific research. This overlaps the goals of the California Sea Grant College Program and University of Southern California Sea Grant Program, and signals a natural partnership.

I believe that the partnership will extend the reach of the Council's solicitation to a large pool of potential applicants for funding. Sea Grant's annual request for proposals solicits high quality research projects and requires a 50% match for grant awards, a stipulation that, if required for Council awards, could further augment Council investment in scientific research.

Sea Grant's criteria for reviewing proposals are set by national standards that the Council could emulate and supplement with its own priorities, as stated in the California Ocean Protection Act and the draft Information, Research, and Outreach Strategy.

I encourage the Ocean Protection Council to find that the partnership to review, fund, and administer scientific research projects with the California Sea Grant College Program and University of Southern California Sea Grant Program is of high priority and to encourage the Coastal Conservancy to authorize expenditure of $1,000,000 of Council funding it at its next meeting.

Sincerely,

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RE: Support for the Ocean Protection Council and Sea Grant Partnership for Ocean and Coastal Research

Dear Mr. Chrisman and Mr. Bosco;

One of the primary objectives of the Ocean Protection Council is to provide the highest quality research possible to support the management of California's ocean and coastal resources. The Information, Research and Outreach Strategy submitted for adoption by the Council indicates that a firm commitment be made to funding scientific research. I am writing to endorse the creation of a partnership between the Council and California's Sea Grant programs for the solicitation and review of research projects. In this partnership, the two Sea Grant programs will administer the scientific research grants funded by the Council.

The partnership between the Ocean Protection Council and California's Sea Grant programs -- the California Sea Grant College Program and University of Southern California Sea Grant Program -- will provide California with a strong research program that will ensure that it has the information necessary for managing its coastal and ocean resources.

California's Sea Grant Programs have credible, proven, and extensive review processes in place that include peer review, scientific review, and state priority review panels. Sea Grant's criteria for reviewing scientific proposals match the national standards employed by the National Science Foundation and other federal research programs. Sea Grant's annual request for proposals solicits high quality research projects and requires a 50% match for grant awards, a stipulation that, if required for Council awards, could further augment Council investment in scientific research.

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The California Ocean Protection Act and the draft Information, Research, and Outreach Strategy includes priorities for research that will be included by Sea Grant in its solicitations for research proposals from a large pool of scientists working on coastal and ocean problems. Ocean and coastal scientists in California are familiar with the Sea Grant Programs and their proposal review processes. This will help to ensure high quality proposals that address the Council's need for research that provides knowledge for effective policy and decision making.

I encourage the Ocean Protection Council to establish the partnership to review, fund, and administer scientific research projects with the California Sea Grant College Program and University of Southern California Sea Grant Program. I encourage the Council to make this a high priority, and to authorize the California Coastal Conservancy expenditure of $1,000,000 of Council funding it at its next meeting.

Sincerely,

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I am writing to express my strong support for the partnership between the Ocean Protection Council and California's two Sea Grant programs: the California Sea Grant College Program and University of Southern California Sea Grant Program. Through this partnership, scientific research grants funded by the Council would be administered by these programs.

The California Sea Grant College Program and University of Southern California Sea Grant have established track records in soliciting, reviewing and funding high quality marine science research projects. As a member of the USC Sea Grant Advisory Committee I can speak directly to the rigor and quality of the review process that we use to select the best proposals for funding. The criteria that we use are set by the national Sea Grant office and could easily be used by the council in setting up a review process for this proposed partnership.
Sea Grant solicitations reach a large pool of potential applicants which would extend the reach of the Council's solicitation effort. If the goal of the Council is to provide high-quality research to support management of the ocean and coastal resources, drawing from as large a pool of qualified applicants as possible would seem to be extremely important.

Sea Grant has always had a focus on connecting basic research to issues of policy and decision-making. This proposed partnership could lead to more of the research necessary to fill existing gaps in our knowledge of the coast and ocean and lead to better policy and decision-making.

I encourage the Ocean Protection Council to find that the partnership to review, fund, and administer scientific research projects with the California Sea Grant College Program and University of Southern California Sea Grant Program is of high priority, and the Coastal Conservancy to authorize expenditure of $1,000,000 of Council funding it at its next meeting.

Sincerely;

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September 15, 2005

Dear Chair Chrisman:

I would like to take this opportunity to comment on the items under the Project Section in the September 23, 2005 agenda.

A. Ocean Protection Council and Sea Grant joint-partnership for Ocean and Coastal Research
I would like to lend my support to the Ocean Protection Council and Sea Grant joint-partnership for ocean and coastal research. Many excellent reasons for supporting the partnership are mentioned in the letter of support from Dr. Ingram. Thus, I would like to like to second her points. I would also add that the rate at which information is growing makes such a partnership an excellent benefit to the state, which has the near impossible job of carrying out a number of regulatory functions and simultaneously gathering and interpreting new information as it becomes available. This type of partnership should aid the state in acquiring the information it has identified as needed, as well as aiding the state by examining subject areas that will arise in the next five years.

B. Sustainable Fisheries Revolving Loan Fund planning project
I lend my strongest support to this aspect of the agenda. As an elected official on a local water district, I have seen the Water Recycling Fund (previously referred to as SWRCB revolving fund) support many excellent projects. The low interest rate and the fact that the funds are repaid, allows the program to continue producing results through funds being available for future projects from which all Californians can benefit.

C. California and World Oceans Conference '06

I also believe that such a conference would help the visibility of the program and also extend the knowledge of the State.

D. Consideration of the Matilija Dam Ecosystem Restoration Program

No comment.

Sincerely,

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September 14, 2005

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Dear Mr. Chrisman and Mr. Bosco;

The California Sea Grant College Program and University of Southern California Sea Grant Program have made extraordinary contributions to science-based management of California's coastal resources. They have managed to capture and effectively use federal funding together with matching contributions from state, other nonfederal governmental agencies, and private sources to add a much needed scientific perspective to coastal resource management. I respectfully submit that the State of California has gained immeasurably by the activities of these two California Sea Grant programs. Hence, I give my strongest support for the development of a meaningful partnership between the Ocean Protection Council and California's two Sea Grant programs. Given their excellent track records in managing funds and generating cutting edge, applied scientific knowledge, I believe that these programs and their managers are eminently qualified to administer scientific research grants funded by the Council.

Based on my experiences with Federal Advisory Committees (FACs), and as a past and now current member of the State's Marine Life Protection Act Science Team, I can attest that that the availability of sound science is the foundation for effective coastal resource management. Frequently, members of the public and stakeholders have interests that run counter to the best scientific solutions to coastal problems. Therefore, it is absolutely essential that the science sponsored by the Ocean Protection Council is the best available in its content and that it has passed the highest standards in its generation. The California Sea Grant College Program and University of Southern California Sea Grant Program have highly credible and proven track records in sponsoring high quality scientific research. They have in place an extensive proposal process that includes strong scientific peer review, and State priority review. Existing standards criteria for reviewing proposals are nationally accepted. Moreover, Sea Grant's proposal process requires a 50 % match for grant awards, a stipulation that, if required for Council awards, could further augment Council investment in scientific research. Lastly, California's Sea Grant programs have effective outreach programs for funneling the results of scientific research directly to decision-makers. Clearly, the goals of the California Sea Grant

College Program and University of Southern California Sea Grant Program, and those of the Ocean Protection Council are in alignment, making this collaboration a truly natural partnership.

In summary, I give my strongest support to the formation of a partnership between the California Sea Grant College Program and University of Southern California Sea Grant Program and the Ocean Protection Council to review, fund, and administer scientific research projects for the benefit of Californians. I recommend that the Coastal Conservancy authorize expenditure of $1,000,000 of Council funding towards this end.

Sincerely,

Dr. Steven N. Murray
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