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November 30, 2005

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Douglas Bosco, Chair, and Commissioners  
California Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

**Re: December 8, 2005 Meeting  
Agenda Item #8 – SUPPORT**

Dear Chairman Bosco and Commissioners:

I am very pleased to support the authorization of up to \$150,000 to the United States Fish and Wildlife Service to conduct a species recovery and access management program for the Western Snowy Plover and California Least Tern on publicly owned beaches in Ventura County.

Among the Ventura County beaches that would benefit from recovery and access management efforts is Ormond Beach, located in my district. The beach is already habitat for these species. Recent land acquisitions have put a significant portion of the adjacent Ormond Beach Wetlands into public ownership, and plans to preserve and restore the property are ongoing. This is an important opportunity to benefit the species and manage the public's access.

Thank you for what I hope will be your positive action on this funding authorization.

Sincerely,

FRAN PAVLEY,  
Assemblymember, 41<sup>st</sup> District

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December 5, 2005

Douglas Bosco, Chairman  
California State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Oakland, California 94612

Re: Support for Ventura County Western Snowy Plover and California Least Tern Recovery and Access Management Program

Dear Mr. Bosco,

On behalf of the Ventura Audubon Society, I encourage your support for the notion of having a County wide Western Snowy Plover (*Charadrius alexandrinus nivosus*) and California Least Tern (*Sterna antillarum browni*) coordinator and monitoring program.

This position was originally proposed by the USFWS and the Ventura Audubon Society. As it evolved the agencies presenting it took over the drafting of the proposal. The Ventura Audubon Society has monitored Least Tern and Snowy Plover populations in this county for over 25 years in conjunction with the Point Reyes Bird Observatory and the California Department of Fish and Game. We have witnessed the decline in populations and the continuing need for protective measures and public education for both species.

The proposed program would provide a unified management approach for all the beaches in Ventura County. Presently monitoring of these species is performed by either volunteer or paid monitors with oversight by several different agencies. There is no one agency or person responsible for ensuring that all the landowners of the nesting beaches for these species are taking the necessary steps to protect them. This results in a disjointed and inadequate protection of the habitat. There is also a lack of docent programs or public information and education programs focusing on these species. This deficit means that the public is constantly entering critical nesting areas and reducing the nesting success of the species of concern. This proposal addresses these issues.

I would appreciate your favorable consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Reed V. Smith  
Board Member and Science Chair

cc: Kara Kemmler