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Dear Chairman Bosco,

I am writing to express support for the recommendation that the Conservancy authorize funding the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Foundation to support the restoration of the Ballona Wetlands and to help implement the Santa Monica Bay Plan.



Our mission:

To restore and enhance the Santa Monica Bay through actions and partnerships that improve water quality, conserve and rehabilitate natural resources, and protect the Bay's benefits and values



The Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission is a state agency created to help restore and protect the Santa Monica Bay. The Ballona Creek watershed is the largest watershed draining into the Bay and is an important priority for the Commission's activities. Over the past few years, the Commission has helped develop a watershed assessment and is working to support implementation of restoration and enhancement projects throughout the watershed and at the wetlands.

This grant will help further all of these activities and help us to implement the Santa Monica Bay Plan. I encourage you to support the recommended authorization.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

cc: Mary Small