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February 14, 2005

The Honorable Jane Bender, Mayor
City of Santa Rosa
P.O. Box 1678
Santa Rosa, CA 95402

RE: Pierson Reach Restoration Project

Dear Ms. Bender:

I am writing to express my support for the application submitted by the Santa Rosa Public Works Department to fund the City of Santa Rosa's Pierson Reach Restoration Project, part of the Prince memorial Greenway along the Santa Rosa Creek. I am pleased to support this project.

It is my understanding that this project will address issues that are of importance to my constituents, including restoration of habitats for Chinook salmon and steelhead trout as well as providing connections to regional recreational trails. The Pierson Reach Restoration Project is an important step in completing the Prince Memorial Greenway, linking together existing regional trail systems and restoring and recovering critical habitats.

This project will greatly benefit the 6th Congressional District and I urge you to give this application your full and careful consideration. If you have any questions or comments, please contact my grants coordinator, Deborah Quam, in my Santa Rosa office at (707) 542-7182.

Sincerely,



Lynn Woolsey
Member of Congress

Cc: Steve Brady, Santa Rosa Public Works Department

LW: dq

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December 16, 2004

Honorable Jane Bender
Mayor, City of Santa Rosa
PO Box 1678
Santa Rosa, CA 95042

Dear Mayor Bender:

I would like to express my enthusiastic support for the City of Santa Rosa's Pierson Reach Restoration Project, part of the Prince Memorial Greenway along Santa Rosa Creek. This Project will address many components that are important to my constituents, including the restoration of habitat for Chinook salmon and steelhead trout and providing connections to regional recreational trails. I recommend that the Project be fully funded.

The City has demonstrated its commitment to the restoration of Santa Rosa Creek by completing several phases of the Prince Memorial Greenway. A concrete-lined flood control channel, devoid of streamside vegetation or wildlife, was restored to a healthy riparian corridor, providing habitat for federally-threatened fish species and several species of water-dependent wildlife. An isolated creek behind an ivy-covered chain link fence became a thriving downtown transportation corridor and meeting place. Visitors can walk or bike along the creek from downtown Santa Rosa to Westside neighborhoods, the Laguna de Santa Rosa, and even the City of Sebastopol. Connections to the Joe Rodota Trail and the proposed SMART trail will enhance recreation and transportation opportunities even further. The Pierson Reach Restoration is the next logical step to completing the Prince Memorial Greenway, connecting reaches of restored and recovering habitat and also linking together existing regional trail systems.

I am pleased to endorse and support the Pierson Reach Restoration Project. I look forward to continuing our partnership with the City of Santa Rosa to restore Santa Rosa Creek.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if I can be of further assistance on this Project.

Sincerely,

WESLEY CHESBRO
State Senator, Second District

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cc: Sheri Emerson, Santa Rosa Public Works Department

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November 8, 2004

Honorable Sharon Wright, Mayor
City of Santa Rosa
P.O. Box 1678
Santa Rosa, CA 95402

Dear Mayor Wright:

I write in whole-hearted support of the Pierson Reach Restoration project, undertaken by the City of Santa Rosa as part of the Prince Memorial Greenway along Santa Rosa Creek. This project will address many issues of importance to my constituents, including the restoration of habitat for Chinook salmon and steelhead trout and providing connections to regional recreational trails. I recommend that the project be fully funded.

The City has completed several phases of the Prince Memorial Greenway, demonstrating its commitment to the restoration of Santa Rosa Creek. A formerly concrete-lined flood control channel, devoid of streamside vegetation or wildlife, has been restored to a healthy riparian corridor, providing habitat for federally-threatened fish species and several species of water-dependent wildlife. A once isolated creek behind a chain link fence is now a thriving downtown transportation corridor and meeting place. Visitors can walk or bike along the creek from downtown Santa Rosa to westside neighborhoods, the Laguna de Santa Rosa, the City of Sebastopol and beyond. Connections to the Joe Rodota Trail and the proposed SMART trail will enhance recreation and transportation opportunities even further. The Pierson Reach Restoration is the next logical step to completing the Prince Memorial Greenway, connecting reaches of restored and recovering habitat and also linking together existing regional trail systems.

I am pleased to endorse and support the Pierson Reach Restoration project. I look forward to continuing our partnership with the City of Santa Rosa to restore Santa Rosa Creek.

Please contact me if I can be of further assistance on this project.

Sincerely,


Patricia Wiggins
Assemblymember, District 7

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cc: Sheri Emerson, Santa Rosa Public Works Department

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ASSEMBLYMEMBER, SEVENTH DISTRICT

January 20, 2005

Honorable Jane Bender, Mayor
City of Santa Rosa
P.O. Box 1678
Santa Rosa, CA 95402

Dear Mayor:

I would like to express my enthusiastic support for the City of Santa Rosa's Pierson Reach Restoration project, part of the Prince Memorial Greenway along Santa Rosa Creek. The PMG is a project I personally have worked on for many years. This project will address many components that are important to constituents including the restoration of habitat for Chinook salmon and steelhead trout and providing connections to regional recreational trails. I recommend that the project be fully funded.

The City has demonstrated its commitment to the restoration of Santa Rosa Creek by completing several phases of the Prince Memorial Greenway. A concrete-lined flood control channel, devoid of streamside vegetation or wildlife, was restored to a healthy riparian corridor, providing habitat for federally-threatened fish species and several species of water-dependent wildlife. An isolated creek behind an ivy-covered chain link fence became a thriving downtown transportation corridor and meeting place. Visitors can walk or bike along the creek from downtown Santa Rosa to westside neighborhoods, the Laguna de Santa Rosa, and even the City of Sebastopol. Connections to the Joe Rodota Trail and the proposed SMART trail will enhance recreation and transportation opportunities even further. The Pierson Reach Restoration is the next logical step to completing the Prince Memorial Greenway, connecting reaches of restored and recovering habitat and also linking together existing regional trail systems.

I am pleased to endorse and support the Pierson Reach Restoration project. I look forward to continuing our partnership with the City of Santa Rosa to restore Santa Rosa Creek.

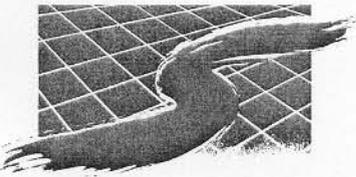
Please contact me if I can be of further assistance on this project.

Very Truly Yours,
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Assemblymember, 7th District

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cc: Steve Brady, Santa Rosa Public Works Department

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December 22, 2004

Honorable Jane Bender, Mayor
 City of Santa Rosa
 P.O. Box 1678
 Santa Rosa, CA 95402

Dear Mayor:

On behalf of the Committee for Restoring Santa Rosa Creek (CRSRC), I would like to express our whole-hearted support for the City of Santa Rosa's Pierson Reach Restoration project, part of the Prince Memorial Greenway along Santa Rosa Creek. This project will address many components that are important to CRSRC, including the restoration of habitat and the provision of connections to regional recreational trails. We recommend that the project be fully funded.

The City has consistently demonstrated its commitment to the restoration of Santa Rosa Creek. With the pending completion of the Prince Memorial Greenway, the Pierson Reach Restoration will allow for the connection of reaches of restored and recovering habitat. The Pierson project will also link existing regional trail systems, encouraging more community interaction with Santa Rosa Creek.

We are pleased to endorse and support the Pierson Reach Restoration project, and we look forward to continuing our partnership with the City of Santa Rosa to restore Santa Rosa Creek.

Please contact me if I can be of further assistance on this project.

Sincerely,

Bill Mastick

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cc: Steve Brady, Santa Rosa Public Works Department

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27 January 2005

Honorable Jane Bender, Mayor
City of Santa Rosa
P.O. Box 1678
Santa Rosa, CA 95402

Dear Mayor Bender:

Trout Unlimited (TU) continues to support the City of Santa Rosa's Prince Memorial Greenway along Santa Rosa Creek including the Pierson Reach Restoration project. Trout Unlimited is a national non-profit organization dedicated to conserving, protecting, and restoring North American salmonid fisheries and their watershed. TU has 10,000 members in California and 250 in Sonoma County. Nationwide, TU accomplishes our mission through the volunteer efforts of our 130,000 members and a national staff of 55 professionals.

The City has demonstrated its commitment to the restoration of Santa Rosa Creek by completing several phases of the Prince Memorial Greenway. A concrete-lined flood control channel, devoid of streamside vegetation or wildlife, was restored to a healthy riparian corridor, providing habitat for federally-threatened fish species and several species of water-dependent wildlife. The Pierson Reach Restoration is the next logical step to completing the Prince Memorial Greenway, connecting reaches of restored and recovering habitat and also linking together existing regional trail systems.

TU is pleased to endorse and support the Pierson Reach Restoration project. We look forward to continuing our partnership with the City of Santa Rosa to restore Santa Rosa Creek.

Please contact me if I can be of further assistance on this project.

Sincerely,

David Katz
California Director
Trout Unlimited

cc: Steve Brady, Santa Rosa Public Works Department

TROUT UNLIMITED: America's Leading Coldwater Fisheries Conservation Organization
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Laguna de Santa Rosa Foundation

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January 13, 2005

Honorable Jane Bender, Mayor
City of Santa Rosa
P.O. Box 1678
Santa Rosa, CA 95402

Dear Mayor:

I would like to express my enthusiastic support for the City of Santa Rosa's Pierson Reach Restoration project, part of the Prince Memorial Greenway along Santa Rosa Creek. This project will address many components that are important to the Laguna de Santa Rosa Foundation including the restoration of habitat for Chinook salmon and steelhead trout and providing connections to regional recreational trails. I recommend that the project be fully funded.

The City has demonstrated its commitment to the restoration of Santa Rosa Creek by completing several phases of the Prince Memorial Greenway. A concrete-lined flood control channel, devoid of streamside vegetation or wildlife, was restored to a healthy riparian corridor, providing habitat for federally-threatened fish species and several species of water-dependent wildlife. An isolated creek behind an ivy-covered chain link fence became a thriving downtown transportation corridor and meeting place. Visitors can walk or bike along the creek from downtown Santa Rosa to westside neighborhoods, the Laguna de Santa Rosa, and even the City of Sebastopol. Connections to the Joe Rodota Trail and the proposed SMART trail will enhance recreation and transportation opportunities even further. The Pierson Reach Restoration is the next logical step to completing the Prince Memorial Greenway, connecting reaches of restored and recovering habitat and also linking together existing regional trail systems.

I am pleased to endorse and support the Pierson Reach Restoration project. I look forward to continuing our partnership with the City of Santa Rosa to restore Santa Rosa Creek.

Please contact me if I can be of further assistance on this project.

Sincerely,

Dan Schurman
Executive Director

cc: Steve Brady, Santa Rosa Public Works Department

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January 4, 2005

Honorable Sharon Wright, Mayor
City of Santa Rosa
P.O. Box 1678
Santa Rosa, CA 95402

Dear Mayor Wright:

Thank you for the opportunity to express our support for the Pierson Reach Restoration project, as part of the Prince Memorial Greenway on Santa Rosa Creek. Through our Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program (RTCA), the National Park Service has been providing technical assistance to the City of Santa Rosa on their Citywide Creeks Master Plan. During 2003, RTCA staff assisted the project team in the Public Works Department with a year-long community outreach effort to ascertain what residents would like to see along the 70 miles of creeks in their city.

Through that effort, it became clear that the people of Santa Rosa are very knowledgeable and concerned about the creek environments throughout the city and in their own neighborhoods. It is also apparent that the City has developed an extraordinary commitment to its creeks, as shown by the attention given to water quality programs and their successful restoration of the Prince Memorial Greenway and other creeks in the city. At the grassroots level, the city- and county-supported Creek Stewardship Program offers people of all ages the immediate, hands-on opportunity to work for the protection and enhancement of creeks.

Given this environment of support for creeks, completion of the Pierson Reach Restoration is an important next step in realizing the community's vision for their creeks. This project has the potential to contribute significantly to the richness of riparian habitats while providing key links to local and regional recreational and open space amenities.

Sincerely,

Peg Henderson
Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program

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November 18, 2004

Honorable Sharon Wright, Mayor
City of Santa Rosa
P.O. Box 1678
Santa Rosa, California 95402

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Dear Mayor:

I would like to express my enthusiastic support for the City of Santa Rosa's Pierson Reach Restoration project, part of the Prince Memorial Greenway along Santa Rosa Creek. This project includes restoration of habitat for Chinook salmon and steelhead, and will address many components that are important to recovery of listed salmonids in the Russian River basin. I recommend that the project be fully funded.

The City has demonstrated its commitment to the restoration of Santa Rosa Creek by completing several phases of the Prince Memorial Greenway. A concrete-lined flood control channel, devoid of streamside vegetation or wildlife, was restored to a healthy riparian corridor, providing habitat for Federally-threatened fish species and several species of water-dependent wildlife. An isolated creek behind an ivy-covered chain link fence became a thriving downtown transportation corridor and meeting place. Visitors can walk or bike along the creek from downtown Santa Rosa to westside neighborhoods, the Laguna de Santa Rosa, and even the City of Sebastopol. Connections to the Joe Rodota Trail and the proposed SMART trail will enhance recreation and transportation opportunities even further. The Pierson Reach Restoration is the next logical step to completing the Prince Memorial Greenway, connecting reaches of restored and recovering habitat and also linking together existing regional trail systems.

I am pleased to endorse and support the Pierson Reach Restoration project. I look forward to continuing our partnership with the City of Santa Rosa to restore Santa Rosa area creeks.

Sincerely,

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Patrick J. Rutten
Northern Area Supervisor
Protected Resources Division

cc: Sheri Emerson, Santa Rosa Public Works Department



DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAMEPOST OFFICE BOX 47
YOUNTVILLE, CALIFORNIA 94599
(707) 944-3500

January 23, 2002

Ms. Nancy Adams
Department of Public Works
City of Santa Rosa
69 Stony Circle
Santa Rosa, CA 95401

Dear Ms. Adams:

I have had a long history with the Prince Memorial Greenway project beginning with the earliest community based Santa Rosa Creek vision process over 15 years ago. The Prince Greenway is an excellent example of urban stream restoration: it benefits fish and wildlife, including steelhead trout, it benefits the community by making it a focal point for the city, and it has broader values in focusing community interest on streams and aquatic resources in general. While the downtown portion of Santa Rosa Creek will probably never be turned back into a "wild" environment, what I have seen in the plans and in the early phases of the project indicate that it will one day be a much more wildlife and people friendly environment than it has been for the past 40 years.

Habitat for fish, including steelhead trout, will be substantially improved by the removal of grouted rip-rap, creation of a better defined low flow channel, enhanced cover in the form of logs and boulders in conjunction with more pools. Riparian vegetation will now be incorporated into the channel to provide habitat for birds and provide some shade for the stream.

The Prince Greenway project will also promote more public awareness of the creek and its fishery resources, and, ultimately, result in more environmental enhancement along the creek in other locations.

I am looking forward to working with the City and the community on future phases of the Prince Greenway as opportunities arise for restoring additional reaches of Santa Rosa Creek between the City and the Laguna de Santa Rosa. Changed management practices by the Sonoma County Water Agency have already led to substantial improvements in this lower reach of the stream where riparian vegetation is much more abundant than in the past.

Sincerely,

Bill Cox

Bill Cox
District Fishery Biologist
Sonoma / Marin

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Sotoyome Resource Conservation District

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January 20, 2005

Honorable Jane Bender, Mayor
City of Santa Rosa
P.O. Box 1678
Santa Rosa, CA 95402

Dear Mayor:

The Sotoyome Resource Conservation District (SCRD) strongly supports the City of Santa Rosa's Pierson Reach Restoration project, part of the Prince Memorial Greenway along Santa Rosa Creek. This project will address many components that are important to including the restoration of habitat for Chinook salmon and steelhead trout and providing connections to regional recreational trails.

The City has demonstrated its commitment to the restoration of Santa Rosa Creek by completing several phases of the Prince Memorial Greenway. A concrete-lined flood control channel, devoid of streamside vegetation or wildlife, was restored to a healthy riparian corridor, providing habitat for federally-threatened fish species and several species of water-dependent wildlife. An isolated creek behind an ivy-covered chain link fence became a thriving downtown transportation corridor and meeting place. Visitors can walk or bike along the creek from downtown Santa Rosa to westside neighborhoods, the Laguna de Santa Rosa, and even the City of Sebastopol. Connections to the Joe Rodota Trail and the proposed SMART trail will enhance recreation and transportation opportunities even further. The Pierson Reach Restoration is the next logical step to completing the Prince Memorial Greenway, connecting reaches of restored and recovering habitat and also linking together existing regional trail systems.

The Sotoyome RCD endorses and supports the Pierson Reach Restoration project. We look forward to continuing our partnership with the City of Santa Rosa to restore Santa Rosa Creek.

If you have any questions or we can be of further assistance, please don't hesitate to contact our office at 569-1148.

Sincerely,

Kerry Williams
District Manager
Sotoyome RCD

cc: Steve Brady, Santa Rosa Public Works Department



Natural Resources Conservation Service
1301 Redwood Way, Suite 170
Petaling, CA 94954

January 19, 2005

Honorable Jane Bender, Mayor
City of Santa Rosa
P.O. Box 1678
Santa Rosa, CA 95402

Dear Mayor:

I would like to express my enthusiastic support for the City of Santa Rosa's Pierson Reach Restoration project, part of the Prince Memorial Greenway along Santa Rosa Creek. This project will address components that are important to the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service including the restoration of habitat for Chinook salmon, steelhead trout and other wildlife species. I recommend that the project be fully funded.

The City has demonstrated its commitment to the restoration of Santa Rosa Creek by completing several phases of the Prince Memorial Greenway. A concrete-lined flood control channel, devoid of streamside vegetation or wildlife, was restored to a healthy riparian corridor, providing habitat for federally-threatened fish species and several species of water-dependent wildlife. An isolated creek behind an ivy-covered chain link fence became a thriving downtown transportation corridor and meeting place. Visitors can walk or bike along the creek from downtown Santa Rosa to westside neighborhoods, the Laguna de Santa Rosa, and even the City of Sebastopol. Connections to the Joe Rodota Trail and the proposed SMART trail will enhance recreation and transportation opportunities even further. The Pierson Reach Restoration is the next logical step to completing the Prince Memorial Greenway, connecting reaches of restored and recovering habitat and also linking together existing regional trail systems.

I am pleased to endorse and support the Pierson Reach Restoration project. NRCS is pleased to partner with progressive local leaders and project sponsors to help make this watershed restoration project a reality.

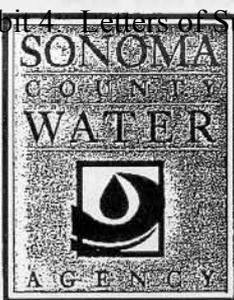
Please contact me if I can be of further assistance on this project at (707) 794.1242 X105.

Sincerely,

Charlette Epifanio
District Conservationist

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cc: Steve Brady, Santa Rosa Public Works Department



File: zn/1-9-7 Santa Rosa, City of (Funding Agreement Between SCWA and City of Santa Rosa for Santa Rosa Creek Restoration Project [Santa Rosa Creek Prince Memorial Greenway 2004 Phase - Pierson Reach])

January 19, 2005

Honorable Jane Bender, Mayor
City of Santa Rosa
P.O. Box 1678
Santa Rosa, CA 95402

RE: Pierson Reach Restoration Project

Dear Mayor:

The Sonoma County Water Agency (Agency) would like to express its support for the City of Santa Rosa's (City) Pierson Reach Restoration project, part of the Prince Memorial Greenway along Santa Rosa Creek. I understand that this project will improve habitat for Chinook salmon and steelhead trout, provide connections to regional recreational trails, and provide flood protection to City residents and businesses.

The Agency has been pleased to partner with the City on its Prince Memorial Greenway Project. This project has already improved riparian habitat in a portion of Santa Rosa Creek that previously contained an unvegetated concrete-lined flood control channel. The restored stream should be able to provide habitat for federally-threatened fish species and several species of water-dependent wildlife.

This area also contains pedestrian and bike paths along the creek which connects downtown Santa Rosa to west-side neighborhoods, the Laguna de Santa Rosa, and even the City of Sebastopol. Future connections to the Joe Rodota Trail and the proposed Sonoma Marin Area Rail Transit system will enhance recreation and transportation opportunities even further.

The Pierson Reach Restoration is the next logical step to completing the Prince Memorial Greenway, connecting reaches of restored and recovering habitat and also linking together existing regional trail systems. The Agency supports the Pierson Reach Restoration project and looks forward to continuing our partnership with the City of Santa Rosa to restore Santa Rosa Creek.

Please contact me if I can be of further assistance on this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael D. Thompson".

Michael D. Thompson
Deputy Chief Engineer

c: Steve Brady, Santa Rosa Public Works Department

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