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Susan A. Corbaley, Project Manager  
California Coastal Conservancy  
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Dear Ms. Corbaley,

I wish to assure the Board of the California Coastal Conservancy that the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CDF) has every intention of releasing its allocated federal and state Forest Legacy Program (FLP) funds toward the purchase of a conservation easement for Price Creek Ranch, a tract of the FLP project "Six Rivers to the Sea." However, there are some additional tasks we must accomplish that are relevant to the proposed Option Agreement you are considering.

1. Although CDF has received a federal grant toward purchase of the Price Creek Ranch conservation easement, additional funding is needed through the Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB). These include matching FLP state funds out of Proposition 12 and Range and Grassland funds out of Proposition 40 both of which are subject to approval by the WCB and would come to CDF via a grant. The WCB staff has recommended that its board authorize issuance of a grant to CDF for the acquisition of the conservation easement.
2. The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection staff will request that the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection (BOF) pass a resolution approving the grant application and acceptance of grant funds from both the State Coastal Conservancy and the WCB. On February 9, 2006 the BOF passed a similar resolution for a purchase of a conservation easement on Iaquia Ranch, also a part of the "Six Rivers to the Sea" FLP project. Our Board remains very committed to the FLP and at this time there is nothing to indicate that they would not pass another resolution accepting grant funds for the purchase of a conservation easement on Price Creek Ranch.

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns or if you need more details.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Calvert", written over a white background.

Jeff Calvert  
Forest Legacy Coordinator

cc. Bill Snyder  
Steve Jones

