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Mr. Douglas Bosco
California Coastal Conservancy
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Oakland, CA 94612

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Carpinteria Valley
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Dear Chairman Bosco,

The Cachuma Conservation Release Board (CCRB), a subgroup of the Cachuma Project Water Agencies, is requesting from the Coastal Conservancy funds to replace a summer concrete crossing on Quiota Creek with a 70 foot prefabricated bridge. The project also includes regrading the stream bed in the vicinity of the bridge. The Quiota Creek drainage is thought to have some of the best spawning and rearing habitat for southern Steelhead trout in the Lower Santa Ynez River watershed. This will be a landmark project as it will remove the keystone barrier for fish migration in that watershed and help initiate subsequent projects to open up the upper watershed.

The project will cost approximately \$550,000; \$371,000 is being requested from the Coastal Conservancy, \$50,000 has been received from California Department of Fish, and the rest will come from the Cachuma Project Water Agencies. We have stated support for the project from California Department of Fish and Game, Santa Barbara County Public Works, our local elected public officials, Cachuma Resource Conservation District, and landowners.

Thank you for your consideration of our funding request. We hope your Board will look favorably upon our project and previous completed projects that have successfully increased the number of southern steelhead/rainbow trout in the Lower Santa Ynez River drainage.

Sincerely,

Kate Rees
Manager, CCRB

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