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February 9, 2006

Mr. Douglas Bosco  
California Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Bosco:

I would like to state my support for a proposed project by the Cachuma Conservation Release Board (CCRB) to replace a low flow stream crossing with a bridge. The project site is on Refugio Road which crosses Quiota Creek, a tributary of the Santa Ynez River, near the town of Santa Ynez.

If you have further questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact my Santa Barbara District Director, Mike Stoker, at 805-451-5896.

Thank you for your careful consideration of the proposal now before your board.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom McClintock".

Tom McClintock

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February 7, 2006

Mr. Douglas Bosco  
California Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 11th Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612

Re: Funding for Steelhead Restoration Projects on the Santa Ynez River

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I am writing in support of the Cachuma Conservation Release Board's request to the California Coastal Conservancy Board of Directors for the funding of the Steelhead restoration projects within the Santa Ynez River watershed in Santa Barbara County.

This particular project will be to remove one fish migration barrier on Quiota Creek which is a tributary to the Santa Ynez River downstream from Bradbury Dam. The ocean-going Steelhead population has been reduced in the Santa Ynez River and southern California by an estimated 99%, largely due to the construction of dams and other barriers to migration. The Quiota Creek watershed is near Solvang and has excellent habitat for Steelhead trout but their migration is impeded by numerous concrete road crossings. Cachuma Conservation Release Board is working to remove these low flow crossings and replace them with bridges. The funds requested will be used to install a 70 foot long prefabricated bridge at a second crossing going up Refugio Road to enable steelhead migration to high quality spawning grounds.

Again, I am in support of the California Coastal Conservancy funding this project and urge your support for the implementation of funding in the interest of restoring southern California Steelhead as soon as possible.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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PEDRO NAVA  
Assemblymember, 35th District



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February 23, 2006

Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chairman  
California Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 11th Floor  
Oakland, California 94612

Dear Mr. Bosco:

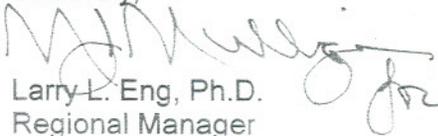
Department Support for Summer Crossing Replacement at Quiota Creek,  
Crossing Number 2 Project

The purpose of this letter is to express the Department of Fish and Game's (Department) support of the Cachuma Operations and Maintenance Board's (COMB) application to the Coastal Conservancy for design and construction of a bridge on Quiota Creek in northern Santa Barbara County. The goal of the project is to remove the second lowermost Arizona (low water) crossing, which is a partial barrier to upstream passage for the federally endangered Southern steelhead trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*) and a complete barrier to juvenile steelhead summer passage. This project, in conjunction with the current Department-funded barrier removal planning study for the remaining barriers on the creek, has the potential to positively affect the recovery of steelhead in Santa Barbara County.

Quiota Creek is a perennial stream that flows into the Santa Ynez River and currently supports steelhead whenever flow condition provide connectivity from the ocean and sufficient depth of flow over the nine low water crossings that crisscross the stream. During the summer and fall juvenile steelhead are trapped on the downstream side of the low water crossings and cannot retreat to better upstream habitat as temperatures rise and flow levels drop. The proposed replacement project would provide better access to historic spawning and rearing habitat in the middle and upper watershed for juvenile and adult steelhead. In addition to steelhead, other aquatic resources benefiting from this project include Pacific tree frog, California red-legged frog and Arroyo Chub.

The Department has identified this project as a high priority for steelhead recovery efforts in Santa Barbara County as identified in the Steelhead Restoration and Management plan for California. The Department recommends your agency's approval of COMB's request for funding. Please contact Ms. Mary Larson of my staff should you wish further clarification or have questions regarding these comments. She can be reached by phone at (562) 342-7186 or by email at [mlarson@dfg.ca.gov](mailto:mlarson@dfg.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

  
Larry L. Eng, Ph.D.  
Regional Manager

cc: ✓ Ms. Mary Larson; RM-Chron - Department of Fish and Game  
✓ Ms. Janet Diehl - Coastal Conservancy

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Santa Barbara County Public Works Department  
Flood Control & Water Agency

March 14, 2006

Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chairman  
California Coastal Conservancy  
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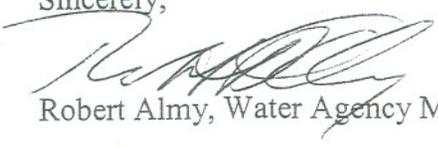
Dear Chairman Bosco,

The proposed project by Cachuma Conservation Release Board (CCRB) and supported by County Roads to replace a low flow stream crossing with a bridge on Refugio Road as it crosses Quiota Creek is consistent with the role this agency has played in cooperating with water suppliers and landowners to address fish habitat issues.

In addition, the project would improve safety for users of this road. Specifically, by removing the existing concrete low flow crossing, replacing it with a prefabricated bridge, and re-grading the stream bottom, you will both allow safe egress during large storm flow periods and provide improved habitat for an important fishery in our County. We are in full support of the California Coastal Conservancy funding this project for its public benefit.

Thank you for your evaluation of the proposal.

Sincerely,

  
Robert Almy, Water Agency Manager

cc: COMB  
County Roads Division

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PHILLIP M. DEMERY  
Director

February 21, 2006

Mr. Douglas Bosco  
California Coastal Conservancy  
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Oakland, CA 94612

Re: Refugio Road Summer Crossing #2 Replacement (North Side)

Dear Mr. Bosco:

The County of Santa Barbara Public Works Department has been informed by the Cachuma Conservation Release Board that there are funds available to replace the second concrete summer crossing on the north side of Refugio Road with a bridge. The County is in full support of any funding that is available to replace this summer crossing with a bridge that fits in with the setting of the Santa Ynez Valley and this portion of Refugio Road. It is our desire that the new bridge will allow the traveling public to cross over Quiota Creek instead of traveling through flowing water on the summer crossing. During times of high to medium flow, the creek flows over the summer crossing resulting in running water on the roadway. The construction of a bridge would be an improvement to the safety of the traveling public along the north side of Refugio Road.

Public Works staff stands ready to assist the Cachuma Conservation Release Board (CCRB) by issuing a Road Encroachment Permit that will allow the CCRB to design and build this structure within the Public Road Right of Way.

Sincerely,

Phillip M. Demery  
Director, Public Works

cc: David Smyser, 3<sup>rd</sup> District County Supervisor, Executive Assistant  
Scott D. McGolpin, Deputy Director Transportation Division  
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**Cachuma Resource Conservation District**

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Mr. Douglas Bosco  
California Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 11th Floor  
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Dear Board President Bosco,

Cachuma Resource Conservation District (RCD) is dedicated to assisting landowners conserve the natural resources on their property throughout Santa Barbara County. The proposed project by Cachuma Conservation Release Board (CCRB) to replace a low flow stream crossing with a bridge on Refugio Road as it crosses Quiota Creek is exactly the type of project that should be implemented in this county.

The project site is a documented fish barrier for Quiota Creek, a tributary of the Santa Ynez River near the town of Santa Ynez. It is supported by the Bureau of Reclamation's efforts to complete the Cachuma Project Biological Opinion issued by NOAA Fisheries. Not only will the project improve road conditions and safety, it will eliminate one of nine barriers to southern Steelhead for migration in that drainage, which is thought to have some of the best spawning and rearing habitat in the Lower Santa Ynez River watershed. It is our hope that by completing this project that the other eight migration impediments will be addressed in short order.

By removing the existing concrete low flow crossing, replacing it with a prefabricated bridge, and re-grading the stream bottom, we will improve a public road and an endangered fishery. We are in full support of the California Coastal Conservancy funding this project for its public benefit and support to bring back southern Steelhead to the region.

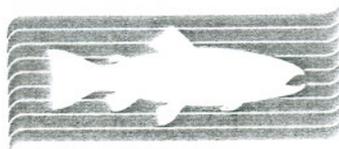
Thank you for your consideration of the proposal.

Sincerely,

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Thomas R. Lockhart  
District Manager

CALIFORNIA TROUT



KEEPER OF THE STREAMS

March 13, 2006

Mr. Douglas Bosco  
California Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612

RE: SUPPORT FOR REPLACEMENT OF CONCRETE LOW-FLOW CROSSING (#2) WITH BRIDGE OVER QUIOTA CREEK, SANTA YNEZ RIVER FOR ENDANGERED STEELHEAD PASSAGE

Dear Mr. Bosco:

CalTrout is a statewide stream conservation organization whose mission is to protect and restore wild trout and steelhead and their waters throughout California. We have been directly interested in steelhead restoration in the Santa Ynez River, reported to be the largest (historically 13,000-20,000) run of steelhead in Southern California, since 1993.

We write you today in support of an application by the Cachuma Conservation and Release Board (CCRB) for funding from the Conservancy to complete the subject project. Of the several tributaries to the Santa Ynez River below Bradbury Dam, Quiota Creek has potential to contribute some reaches of reasonably good quality oversummering habitat for the endangered southern steelhead. In that regard, and consonant with our "mantra" for all steelhead restoration work throughout California ("Let them go home"), we believe the subject project, in concert with fixes for the remaining 8 low-flow concrete road crossings on Quiota Creek, can contribute an increment toward provision of spawning and rearing habitat below Bradbury Dam.

We note that since this project is among a number mandated through the Endangered Species Act consultation process and Biological Opinion issued by NOAA Fisheries on the Santa Ynez River, CCRB and the Bureau of Reclamation have an affirmative duty to execute all of the B.O. terms and conditions, including this one. From a public policy perspective, we thus believe it is incumbent on CCRB and/or BuRec to contribute a majority of funding for these mandated conditions. Limited discretionary public monies for salmonid restoration should be made available first for restoration projects that are not mandatory conditions of operation for water diversion facilities. In that cost-sharing light, we do support the subject Quiota Creek fish passage project. I have personal knowledge of steelhead in Quiota Creek, having caught and released a 17" specimen in the early 1990's there, so I am aware of use by steelhead of the deep pool oversummering habitats available above some of these low-flow crossings.

We would also note to the Conservancy that it is CalTrout's belief, stated to the State Water Board Division of Water Rights in 2003 hearings, that trap-and-transport around Bradbury Dam is the single most significant act that could reconnect ocean-run fish with the hundreds of miles of high quality spawning and rearing habitat that exists above Bradbury, Gibraltar and Jameson Dams. To that end, we provided the Board with 5 different examples of successful trap-and-transport on the West Coast, some of which have successfully handled hundreds to tens of thousands of salmonids annually under conditions similar to the flow and storage regimes of the Santa Ynez and Bradbury Dam.

Thank you for your consideration of this letter of support for the subject project.

Sincerely,  
  
CRAIG FUSARO, PhD  
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