



COUNTY OF ORANGE

RESOURCES & DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT

Bryan Speegle, Director

300 N. Flower Street
Santa Ana, CA

P.O. Box 4048
Santa Ana, CA 92702-4048

Telephone: (714) 834-2300
Fax: (714) 834-5188

April 7, 2006

Douglas Bosco, Chair
State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 11th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

RE: Federal Governmental Representation Contract

Dear Chairman Bosco:

The County of Orange strongly encourages you to approve entering into a contract with a consulting firm to assist the Conservancy with projects that have significant federal involvement. I understand that you will be considering whether to authorize the use of \$250,000 for a two-year contract with a consulting firm at your upcoming board meeting and want to express my support.

Having a consulting firm in Washington, D.C. that assists the Conservancy with federal appropriations, federal authorizations, and federal agency staff aids nationally significant project throughout California. Over the past year, the Conservancy's current consultant, the Carmen Group, has provided invaluable assistance to the project that we are engaged in with the Conservancy, Upper Newport Bay Ecosystem Restoration Project. Projects such as Upper Newport Bay require assistance with Congressional efforts to obtain annual federal appropriations for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, as well as facilitation with logjams that can occur at Corps Headquarters.

I encourage you to approve entering into this contract. Thank you for your attention and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Larry B. McKenney for".

Larry B. McKenney, Manager
County of Orange
Watershed and Coastal Resources Division



From the Desk of **STEVE BENNETT**
SUPERVISOR, FIRST DISTRICT
(805) 654-2703
FAX: (805) 654-2226
E-mail: steve.bennett@ventura.org

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD
LINDA PARKS, CHAIR
STEVE BENNETT
KATHY I. LONG
JUDY MIKELS
JOHN K. FLYNN

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF VENTURA**

GOVERNMENT CENTER, HALL OF ADMINISTRATION
800 SOUTH VICTORIA AVENUE, VENTURA, CALIFORNIA 93009

April 11, 2006

Douglas Bosco, Chair
State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 11th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

RE: Federal Governmental Representation Contract

Dear Chairman Bosco:

The County of Ventura supports and appreciates the Conservancy's Washington DC legislative assistance on projects of national merit. I understand that your Board will be considering whether to authorize the use of \$250,000 for a two-year contract with a consulting firm at your upcoming meeting, and I want to express my support for continuation of that effort.

The Conservancy's current consultant, the Carmen Group, has assisted with authorization language and appropriations for the Matilija Dam project, a joint U.S. Army Corps of Engineers-County project supported by the Conservancy. Having a consulting firm in Washington, D.C. that assists the Conservancy with federal appropriations, federal authorizations, and federal agency staff aids nationally significant projects throughout California, such as Matilija Dam.

I respectfully encourage your approval of this contract. Thank you for your attention and consideration.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Steve Bennett".

Steve Bennett
Supervisor, First District