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Mr. Doug Bosco, Chairman
 California Coastal Conservancy
 1330 Broadway, Suite 1100
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Re: Support of Arroyo Hondo Creek Steelhead Passage Enhancement Project

Dear Mr. Bosco:

I want to strongly urge the Commission to approve the Land Trust for Santa Barbara County's application and proposal to improve steelhead trout passage in Arroyo Hondo Creek.

The 2002 report on *Steelhead Assessment and Recovery Opportunities in Southern Santa Barbara County, California* found that Arroyo Hondo Creek had the highest habitat quality of all 44 watersheds analyzed, and identified its culvert and box channel as the region's second highest priority for immediate barrier removal. By modifying the culvert and improving lagoon conditions, the project will result in the potential for Arroyo Hondo Creek to support a significant run of steelhead.

I strongly support funding of this project from the Watershed, Clean Beaches and Water Quality Act of 2002 (Proposition 40). Matching funds will also be provided from affected landowners, local foundations, the California Department of Fish and Game and the Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission.

I also want to acknowledge and commend the voluntary cooperative effort among local private non-profits, Caltrans and the Union Pacific Railroad that has made this project feasible.

I hope the Commission looks favorably upon this proposal being submitted by the Land Trust for Santa Barbara County.

Sincerely,

Tom McClintock

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Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chairman
California Coastal Conservancy
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Re: Arroyo Hondo Culvert Modification/Steelhead Passage Project

Dear Mr. Bosco,

As the California State Assemblymember for the 35th District, I would like to voice my strong support for the Arroyo Hondo Culvert Modification/Steelhead Passage Project. This project will help the southern steelhead trout, a federally-listed endangered species, that once were able to pass with ease through the lower reach of Arroyo Hondo Creek until the existing culvert decreased the amount of days on which passable conditions exist.

Since its purchase of the Arroyo Hondo Preserve in 2001, the Santa Barbara Land Trust took action immediately and began planning with regulatory agencies about how best to protect this endangered species by improving mitigation. The Arroyo Hondo Preserve (the "Jewel of the Gaviota Coast") is an ideal setting to implement this project due to its relatively pristine canyon environs and healthy riparian corridor. Additionally, Arroyo Hondo also supports one of the few steelhead trout runs left on the Southern California coast.

In fact, the Arroyo Hondo watershed is considered one of the best intact watersheds in Santa Barbara County, with little to no development in the entire watershed. In a steelhead assessment report prepared by the Conception Coast Project in June 2002, Arroyo Hondo Creek was listed as having the highest average habitat quality of all watersheds between Point Conception and Rincon Creek.

For these reasons, I highly recommend that this valuable project receive the California Coastal Conservancy's support. Please feel free to contact my staff at (805) 564-1649 to discuss this matter further. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "PN", written over a printed name.

Pedro Nava
Assemblymember, 35th District