

Exhibit 4: Letters of Support



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Arnold Schwarzenegger, *Governor*

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Ruth G. Coleman, *Director*

May 17, 2006

Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chair of the Board
California State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway
Oakland, CA. 94612

Dear Mr. Bosco,

I represent the California State Parks Department, an organization working on various aspects of the preservation and enhancement of the Napa River and its tributaries. I'm writing to indicate the district's support of a project that we understand will be considered for funding at your June meeting. The Center for Ecosystem Management and Restoration is proposing to develop the conceptual design and feasibility for modifying a fish passage barrier on Ritchey Creek, an important Napa River tributary.

As you may know, Ritchey Creek supports steelhead trout and its enhancement should be considered an integral part of a strategy to recover the species in the Bay Area. State Parks is carrying out several projects to advance steelhead recovery and to improve habitat conditions. After consulting with CEMAR staff, we have determined that addressing the Ritchey Creek barrier through the grant being considered now, will fit with our program to provide fish passage throughout the watershed. Our goal for this project is to provide a design in place for a restored creek reach that we can use for environmental review purposes and to provide to potential funders of the implementation phase.

We appreciate the Conservancy's on-going efforts to advance steelhead recovery and watershed restoration in general in the San Francisco Bay Area. We ask you to fund CEMAR's Passage Improvement Project to benefit the Napa River watershed.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Cyndy Shafer".

Cyndy Shafer
Environmental Scientist

cc Betsy Wilson, Coastal Conservancy
Marla Hastings, California State Parks
Larry Vietti, California State Parks

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Friends of Corte Madera Creek Watershed

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April 20, 2006

Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chair of the Board
California State Coastal Conservancy
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Oakland CA 94612-2530

Dear Mr. Bosco,

I represent Friends of Corte Madera Creek Watershed, an organization dedicated to the preservation and enhancement of Marin County's Corte Madera Creek watershed. I'm writing to indicate our support of a project that we understand will be considered for funding at your June meeting. The Center for Ecosystem Management and Restoration is proposing to carry out conceptual design and feasibility for modifying a fish passage barrier on San Anselmo Creek, an important Corte Madera Creek tributary.

As you may know, our watershed supports steelhead trout and its enhancement should be considered an integral part of a strategy to recover the species in the Bay Area. Friends of Corte Madera Creek Watershed has carried out several planning studies to identify limiting factors for steelhead and to develop projects that improve habitat conditions. After consulting with CEMAR staff, we have determined that addressing the San Anselmo Creek barrier through the grant being considered now will best fit with our program to provide fish passage throughout the watershed. Our goal for this project is to have a barrier modification design in place that we can use for environmental review purposes and to provide to potential funders of the implementation phase.

We appreciate the Conservancy's on-going efforts to advance steelhead recovery and watershed restoration in general in the San Francisco Bay Area. We ask you to fund CEMAR's Passage Improvement Project to benefit the Corte Madera Creek watershed.

Sincerely yours,

Sandra Guldman
President

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✓ cc Betsy Wilson, Coastal Conservancy

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May 26, 2006

Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chair of the Board
California State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 11th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

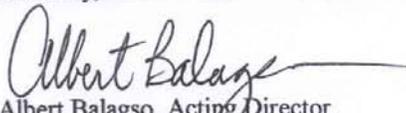
Dear Mr. Bosco,

We understand that the California State Coastal Conservancy will be considering a grant proposal from the Center for Ecosystem Management and Restoration (CEMAR) at your June Board meeting regarding Santa Clara County's Upper Penitencia Creek, an important Coyote Creek tributary. We are writing in support of CEMAR's proposal to carry out conceptual design and feasibility for modifying a fish passage barrier on a portion of the Upper Penitencia Creek located within the City's Alum Rock Regional Park.

The City of San José Departments of Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services, and Environmental Services are working closely with CEMAR to preserve and enhance the Upper Penitencia Creek. We have determined that addressing the barrier in Alum Rock Park through the grant being considered now will best fit with our program to provide fish passage throughout the watershed. Our goal for this project is to have a barrier modification design in place that we can use for environmental review purposes and provide to potential funders of the implementation phase.

We appreciate the Conservancy's ongoing efforts to advance steelhead recovery and watershed restoration in general in the San Francisco Bay Area and ask you to fund CEMAR's Passage Improvement Project to benefit the Upper Penitencia Creek watershed.

Sincerely,


Albert Balagso, Acting Director
Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services


for John Stufflebean, Director
Environmental Services

cc Betsy Wilson, Coastal Conservancy