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June 21, 2006

Chair Douglas Bosco and Boardmembers  
California State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

Re: Support for Malibu Lagoon Restoration and Enhancement Project

Dear Chair Bosco and Boardmembers:

I am writing to lend my strong support for dispersal of funds to the California Department of Parks and Recreation and the Resource Conservation District of the Santa Monica Mountains to implement the Malibu Lagoon Restoration and Enhancement Project.

The Malibu Lagoon Restoration and Enhancement Plan has water quality and resource value for Malibu and all of Southern California. This project will restore and enhance the ecological structure and function of the Malibu Lagoon. An important component includes the restoration of wetlands which will serve to improve water circulation and increase capacity of the system to assimilate pollutants. The improvements will be beneficial to the public; visitors will be attracted to the area because of the aesthetic enhancements, increased access, and an enriched experience through interpretive displays.

It is clear that this project will help to improve water quality by controlling runoff, improving circulation in the lagoon; and increasing valuable wetland habitat. Please join me in supporting this crucial project for Southern California.

Sincerely,

SHEILA JAMES KUEHL  
Senator, 23<sup>rd</sup> District

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Sherman Oaks, Studio City, Tarzana, Topanga, West Los Angeles, West Hills, Westwood and Woodland Hills.





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

**Re: Support for Malibu Lagoon Restoration and Enhancement Project**

Dear Mr. Bosco,

The Reef Check Foundation is a nonprofit environmental organization dedicated to the preservation of coral reefs globally and temperate reefs in California through research, education and conservation. On behalf of Reef Check Foundation, I encourage your support for the Malibu Lagoon Restoration and Enhancement Project. We have closely followed this project since its inception and feel that it will greatly enhance the structure and function of the currently degraded Malibu Lagoon ecosystem.

As you know, southern California has lost over 95% of its coastal wetlands and Malibu Lagoon represents the last remaining estuarine system in northern Santa Monica Bay. Restoration of Malibu Lagoon will greatly increase the ability of the ecosystem to effectively function as critical habitat for a variety of species, including the endangered tidewater goby and recreationally valuable California Halibut. In addition, access and interpretation improvements will significantly increase the educational value of this critically important coastal ecosystem.

Thank you for your favorable consideration of this most important restoration and enhancement project.

Sincerely,



Craig Shuman, D. Env.  
*Director, Reef Check California Program*

cc: Kara Kemmler, Project Manager