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June 15, 2006

Chairman Doug Bosco
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 11th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

RE: Buena Vista Lagoon Restoration

Dear Chairman Bosco:

Please accept this letter as evidence of my strong support for phase 2 planning and funding for the Buena Vista Lagoon Restoration.

I have had the pleasure of representing coastal North San Diego County in the legislature for the past fourteen years—an area that includes Buena Vista Lagoon. In that time, I have become quite familiar with the challenges that we as a community face in protecting, preserving, and restoring this most important natural asset.

Over the past several years, we have learned a great deal about the continued degradation of Buena Vista Lagoon and about the need for immediate and continued financial support for the lagoon's restoration. I respectfully urge your support for continued phase 2 funding for Buena Vista Lagoon.

If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me at any time.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bill Morrow".

BILL MORROW
Senator, 38th District

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June 2, 2006

Mr. Doug Bosco
 Chairman of the Board
 State Coastal Conservancy
 1330 Broadway, 11TH Floor
 Oakland, CA 94612-2530

Support for Funding for Buena Vista Lagoon
 Ecological Reserve Restoration Project

Dear Mr. Bosco:

The Department of Fish and Game (Department) respectfully encourages the State Coastal Conservancy (Conservancy) Board at its June meeting to allocate funds of up to \$500,000 for Phase II Restoration Planning for Buena Vista Lagoon in northern San Diego County. Buena Vista Lagoon Ecological Reserve is located in the cities of Oceanside and Carlsbad, San Diego County. It was the first-ever designated Ecological Reserve in the State in the 1960's and is managed by the Department. The lagoon is currently home to several endangered species but would become even richer habitat and entice additional species if restored.

As you may know, the restoration of Buena Vista Lagoon has been a priority project of the Southern California Wetland Recovery Project (WRP) since being assigned to the WRP 2000-2001 Work Plan. As a result of previous Conservancy financial assistance, Department and Conservancy staffs have been meeting regularly with members of a Technical Advisory Committee and the public to assess the technical feasibility of restoring the lagoon based on alternative hydrology regimes and to better understand the lagoon's function within the regional context. At this time, we are focusing limited resources on land acquisition and restoration actions. The Department requests an additional allocation of \$500,000 to complete the engineering, environmental planning (including the required CEQA and NEPA documents) and other regulatory permitting actions. The funding will enable the planning and permitting to be completed in a timely fashion, and as such, it is likely that the restoration of the site could be cooperatively funded through agreements with CalTrans, SANDAG, and other partners. Financial assistance from the State Coastal Conservancy at this time would allow the restoration planning to continue with the ultimate goal of enhancing the ecological health and the public enjoyment of the lagoon.

If you have questions on this project, please contact Ms. Terri Stewart, the Senior Biologist for the Region's Land Management and Monitoring Program. She can be reached at the letterhead address or by telephone at 858-467-4209. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Larry L. Eng, Ph.D.
 Regional Manager

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cc: See attached.



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June 15, 2006

In reply refer to: **WMC:17-0015.02:bpost**

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

SUBJECT: BUENA VISTA LAGOON RESTORATION

Dear Mr. Bosco:

I understand that, at its June 29, 2006 meeting, the California Coastal Conservancy board will consider allocation of \$500,000 to support continued planning for restoration of Buena Vista Lagoon. I understand that work to be supported by the proposed allocation would include engineering design and preparation of environmental documents. The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region (SDRWQCB) strongly supports restoration of Buena Vista Lagoon and the proposed allocation for restoration planning.

Buena Vista Lagoon is one of several ecologically important coastal lagoons in the San Diego region. Restoration of the lagoon is a priority project of the Southern California Wetlands Recovery Project, in which the SDRWQCB participates. SDRWQCB also participates in the Buena Vista Lagoon Technical Advisory Committee. The SDRWQCB is working to ensure that water quality standards for Buena Vista Lagoon are met.

The heading portion of this letter includes a SDRWQCB code number noted after "In reply refer to:" In order to assist us in the processing of your correspondence please include this code number in the heading or subject line portion of all correspondence and reports to the SDRWQCB pertaining to this matter.

If you have any questions about SDRWQCB support for restoration of Buena Vista Lagoon, please contact Mr. Bruce Posthumus at 858-467-2964 or bposthumus@waterboards.ca.gov.

Respectfully,

JOHN H. ROBERTUS
Executive Officer

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cc: Mike McCann, SDRWQCB
Chiara Clemente, SDRWQCB
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California Environmental Protection Agency



City of Carlsbad

Office of the Mayor

June 9, 2006

Mr. Doug Bosco
 Chairman of the Board
 State Coastal Conservancy
 1330 Broadway, 11th Floor
 Oakland CA 94612-2530

Support for Funding for Buena Vista Lagoon Ecological Reserve Restoration Project

Dear Mr. Bosco:

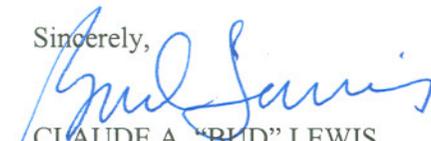
The City of Carlsbad respectfully encourages the State Coastal Conservancy Board at its June meeting to allocate funds of up to \$500,000 for Phase II Restoration Planning for the Buena Vista Lagoon in northern San Diego County. Buena Vista Lagoon Ecological Reserve is located adjacent to the cities of Oceanside and Carlsbad. It was the first-ever designated Ecological Reserve in the State in the 1960's and is managed by the California Department of Fish and Game. The lagoon is currently home to several endangered species but would become even richer habitat and entice additional species if restored.

As you may be aware, the restoration of Buena Vista Lagoon has been a priority project of the Southern California Wetland Recovery Project (WRP) since being assigned to the WRP 2000-2001 Work Plan. As a result of previous Conservancy financial assistance, staff from the cities of Carlsbad, Oceanside, the Buena Vista Lagoon Foundation, the Department of Fish and Game, and the Coastal Conservancy have formed a Technical Advisory Committee to assess the technical feasibility of restoring the lagoon based on alternative hydrology regimes and to better understand the lagoon's function within the regional context. The TAC has also met regularly with the public and other interested parties to apprise them of the technical analysis of each water regime and gain other information to assist in the determination of the final lagoon enhancement project.

The additional \$500,000 in funds will be used to complete the engineering, environmental planning (including the required CEQA and NEPA documents) and other regulatory permitting actions. When completed, it is likely the restoration of the lagoon could be cooperatively funded through agreements with CalTrans, SANDAG and other partners. Financial assistance from the State Coastal Conservancy at this time would allow the restoration planning to continue with the ultimate goal of enhancing the ecological health and the public enjoyment of the lagoon.

If you have any questions on this project, please contact Mr. Steven Jantz, Associate Engineer at (760) 602-2738.

Sincerely,


 CLAUDE A. "BUD" LEWIS
 Mayor

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Chairman Doug Bosco
CA Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 11th Floor
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RE: Buena Vista Lagoon Restoration

June 12, 2006

Dear Chairman Bosco:

The Buena Vista Lagoon Foundation strongly supports phase 2 Buena Vista Lagoon restoration planning and funding. This phase will include the preparation of environmental documents and finalize the preliminary engineering design. These documents are necessary for the CEQA/NEPA process.

The Buena Vista Lagoon Foundation is a 503c public charity dedicated to the preservation and restoration of Buena Vista Lagoon. We have been in existence since 1981 and are extremely pleased with the role of the Coastal Conservancy in providing leadership for the funding and planning of the upcoming restoration.

Recent studies have demonstrated that the degradation of Buena Vista Lagoon is even faster than expected. With potential Cal Trans funding coming on line, this is the golden time for Buena Vista Lagoon restoration. Again, we urge your yes vote for continued phase 2 funding for Buena Vista Lagoon.

Sincerely yours

Regg V. Antle
President, Buena Vista Lagoon Foundation