



ALAMEDA COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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September 28, 2006

Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chair  
California State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway Suite 1100  
Oakland CA 94702

RE: Alameda Creek Flow Studies

Dear Chairman Bosco:

The Zone 7 Water Agency is writing in support of the proposed Coastal Conservancy grant of \$80,000 to Alameda County Water District (ACWD) and \$40,000 to the Center for Ecosystem Management and Restoration (CEMAR). These funds are needed to undertake technical studies of water flow regimes in Alameda Creek. These studies will provide critical information for watershed decision-makers and stakeholders about the instream water flows and other restoration actions necessary to improve the watershed for migratory steelhead and other riparian species. Ensuring sufficient water flow for fish rearing and migration is central to the success of Alameda Creek steelhead restoration efforts.

Zone 7 is a member of the Alameda Creek Fisheries Restoration Work Group. The Work Group, made up of numerous public agencies including regulatory, water supply, and flood control agencies, citizen groups, and other key watershed stakeholders have been working cooperatively since 1999 to seek solutions that will restore steelhead to Alameda Creek.

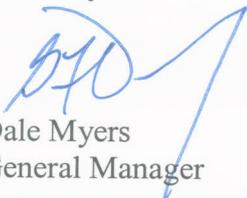
Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, Zone 7 (also known as the "Zone 7 Water Agency") provides flood protection and water as the local water wholesaler to approximately 200,000 people in the cities of Livermore, Pleasanton, Dublin and the unincorporated areas in eastern Alameda County. Zone 7 has been a member of the multi-agency fisheries workgroup since 1999 and, along with the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, the Alameda County Water District and Pacific Gas and Electric Company is contributing \$30,000 each toward the studies.

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Sincerely,

  
for Dale Myers  
General Manager



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September 27, 2006

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 California State Coastal Conservancy  
 1330 Broadway Suite 1100  
 Oakland, CA 94702

Dear Chairman Bosco:

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Alameda County Water District (ACWD) is writing in support of the proposed Coastal Conservancy grant of \$80,000 to ACWD and \$40,000 to the Center for Ecosystem Management and Restoration (CEMAR). These funds are needed to undertake technical studies of water flow regimes in Alameda Creek. These studies will provide critical information for watershed decision-makers and stakeholders about the instream water flows and other restoration actions necessary to improve the watershed for migratory steelhead.

ACWD is a member of the Alameda Creek Fisheries Restoration Work Group. The Work Group, made up of numerous public agencies including regulatory, water supply, and flood control agencies, citizen groups, and other key watershed stakeholders have been working cooperatively since 1999 to seek solutions that will restore steelhead to Alameda Creek. ACWD will also be contributing \$30,000 towards these flows studies and has agreed to administer the contract for the Work Group's consultant who will be leading these studies. We have also recently been awarded \$1 million from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation to improve fish passage past several of our facilities in the Alameda Creek Flood Control Channel and are pursuing funding to address passage at the remaining facilities.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul Piraino", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Paul Piraino  
 General Manager

Exhibit 2: Letters of Support



**ALAMEDA COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE**

*... Making Conservation Happen in Alameda County*

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Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chair  
California State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway Suite 1100  
Oakland CA 94702

Re: Alameda Creek Flow Studies Project Grant Request

Dear Chairman Bosco:

On behalf of the Alameda County Resource Conservation District (RCD) I am writing in support of the proposed Coastal Conservancy grant of \$80,000 to Alameda County Water District (ACWD) and \$40,000 to the Center for Ecosystem Management and Restoration (CEMAR) to undertake technical studies of water flow regimes in Alameda Creek. These studies will provide critical information for watershed decision-makers and stakeholders about the instream water flows and other restoration actions necessary to improve the watershed for migratory steelhead and other riparian species.

The RCD is a leader in the Alameda Creek Watershed Management Plan Program, which works closely with fishery issues among its stakeholders. Improving habitat for fish and other wildlife in the watershed is a long-standing priority for which we have all strived. RCD is a member of the Alameda Creek Fisheries Restoration Work Group, consisting of numerous public agencies including regulatory, water supply, and flood control agencies, citizen groups, and other key watershed stakeholders that have worked cooperatively since 1999 to seek solutions that will restore steelhead to Alameda Creek.

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Sincerely,

Karen Sweet

Executive Officer and Chairman, Alameda Creek Watershed Management Plan Program

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"The Alameda County Resource Conservation District provides leadership in the County and region about natural resources conservation and agricultural issues through education, outreach, resource services, partnerships and funding."