

Exhibit 3: Letters of Support

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To: Carolyn Remick; Lisa Thompson

Cc: D'Avignon, Mark R SPN; Malone, John C SPL

Subject: RE: Permit Coordination for San Luis Obispo County and Santa Barbara County Carolyn and Lisa,

Thank you again for taking the time today to discuss the Partners in Restoration (PIR) permit coordination efforts underway in SLO and SB counties. As I mentioned, the already established PIR Program for the Morro Bay watershed has been working wonderfully since 2002. We expect the recently developed Calleguas Creek watershed PIR program, which replicated the Morro Bay effort, will operate with an equally satisfactory partnership between the Corps and the local Ventura RCD and NRCS offices. With these programs working so well, we anticipate using our nationwide permit program for future PIR Program efforts such as those proposed in SLO and SB counties. Since the Corps is already familiar with the in's and out's of the PIR Program concept, we don't believe it would be a necessary or prudent use of our limited staff resources to attend the interagency meeting next week. We strongly support your statewide PIR Program efforts. Please feel free to call me anytime the need arises.

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