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October 14, 2006

Ms. Betsy Wilson  
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**Subject: Support for the U.C. Press' Proposal to Publish an Environmental Primer  
for San Francisco Bay**

Dear Ms. Wilson

I am writing to express the strong support of the San Francisco Estuary Project for the writing and publication of an Environmental Primer for San Francisco Bay by U.C. Press.

As a cooperative federal, state and local partnership long- dedicated to educating and involving the public in protecting and restoring the San Francisco Bay-Delta Estuary, we have reviewed and produced numerous publications about the Bay. What is missing from this growing library is an engaging, up-to-date overview of the Bay's complex environmental history in the format of a mainstream book-- something that not only educators and students may use as a reference but also that can provide a solid context for the interested public now being cultivated by all of us as Bay stewards. I can also think of no better author for the book than Ariel Rubissow Okamoto, who has worked with us on numerous publications over the years. She is a gifted and knowledgeable writer with decades of experience writing about California's waters and natural resources.

The San Francisco Estuary Project was established by Congress in 1987 under the Clean Water Act's Section 320: National Estuary Program. The Estuary Project is a cooperative effort to promote effective management of the Bay-Delta Estuary and to restore and maintain its water quality and natural resources through implementation of the Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan for the San Francisco Estuary (CCMP). One of our top priorities is to increase public interaction with the Estuary's natural resources while encouraging stewardship, promoting the values of ecological processes, and educating the public about the effect of human activities on the Estuary.

The Estuary Project enthusiastically supports this worthy and important proposal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Marcia L. Brockbank". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Marcia L. Brockbank  
Program Manager

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October 24, 2006

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SUBJECT: Environmental Primer on San Francisco Bay

Dear Ms. Wilson:

I am writing to express my support for the writing and publication of an environmental primer on San Francisco Bay which would be produced by U.C. Press.

I believe this book will provide an engaging, up-to-date overview of the Bay's complex environmental history which will serve as a reference for both educators and students. It will also provide readily accessible information for the interested public who serve as stewards for San Francisco Bay.

Ariel Rubissow Okamoto, the author of this book, has decades of successful experience writing about California's waters in a wide range of publications.

I hope that the Conservancy is able to assist in advancing the publication of this important book.

Sincerely,

WILL TRAVIS  
Executive Director