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June 18, 2007

Douglas Bosco, Chairman
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway
Oakland, California 94612

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I am writing on behalf of the San Francisco Bay Joint Venture (SFBJV) to support the staff recommendation that the Coastal Conservancy approve funding to PRBO Conservation Science (PRBO). The funding will support the Joint Venture science program by creating a program for wetland and riparian habitat restoration planning design review.

The SFBJV is a partnership of non-governmental organizations, utilities, landowners, and non-voting agencies working to protect, restore and enhance wetlands on San Francisco Bay and the coasts of San Mateo, Marin, and Sonoma Counties. The SFBJV is one of the fourteen wetland habitat Joint Ventures operating under the North American Wetlands Conservation Act. Our Implementation Plan was approved in 2001 by the North American Waterfowl Management Plan Committee.

Funding from the Coastal Conservancy will enable PRBO to manage contracts on behalf of the Joint Venture and will provide staffing to assist wetland and riparian restoration projects managers with developing project design. Most of the organizations and agencies that manage wetland and riparian restoration projects are SFBJV partners. The Design Review program will convene experts in various aspect of restoration design, from hydrologists and biologists to public access and interpretation. These expert panels will review aspects of proposed restoration projects and provide expertise that will enable project managers to design projects that will contribute to ecosystem function and SFBJV goals.

The staff recommendation also includes funding for interpretive design coordination. This funding will help with the planning for signs and displays at Hamilton, one of the large-scale restoration projects managed by the Conservancy. As a growing residential area situated on one of the largest

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restoration projects on the West Coast, there is growing public interest in the project. Interpretive panels will keep residents and visitors informed about the planning and construction of the Hamilton-Bel Marin Keys wetlands.

Support granted to PRBO from the Conservancy will provide these important services to project managers and the public. Thank you for your consideration of this funding request. If you have further questions, please feel free to contact the Joint Venture Coordinator, Beth Huning, at 415-883-3854.

Sincerely,



Arthur Feinstein
Chair

Cc: San Francisco Bay Joint Venture Management Board

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Dear Chairman Bosco:

I am writing on behalf of the San Francisco Bay Joint Venture (SFBJV) to support the staff recommendation that the Coastal Conservancy approve funding to Ducks Unlimited (DU) to facilitate updating the SFBJV seasonal wetland goals.

The SFBJV is a partnership of non-governmental organizations, utilities, landowners, and non-voting agencies working to protect, restore and enhance wetlands on San Francisco Bay and the coasts of San Mateo, Marin, and Sonoma Counties. The SFBJV is one of the fourteen wetland habitat Joint Ventures operating under the North American Wetlands Conservation Act.

The SFBJV Implementation Plan was approved in 2001 by the North American Waterfowl Management Plan Committee (NAWMP). Since that time, the SFBJV boundaries have been adjusted twice to include the coastal areas of Marin and Sonoma Counties and to define the eastern boundary in Contra Costa County with the Central Valley Joint Venture.

Over the past couple of years, the SFBJV Restoration Strategy/Technical Committee has reviewed our progress toward meeting our wetland habitat goals as part of a nationwide assessment of Joint Ventures by the NAWMP Committee. As a result of our analysis, we realized that we could not accurately report our progress toward our seasonal wetlands protection and restoration goals. One reason for this difficulty is the change in our boundaries. Another reason is that seasonal wetlands are much more difficult to identify than tidal wetlands. As a result, many seasonal wetlands were not specifically identified in our original mapping and strategy exercise. Therefore, the SFBJV has prioritized the need to map seasonal wetlands, evaluate quality and opportunities for protection or restoration, and recalculate the project, habitat types, and

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acreage goals accordingly. An accurate mapping and evaluation of seasonal wetlands is essential if we are to set acquisition, protection and restoration goals for these precious resources.

The proposed grant from the Coastal Conservancy to DU will enable the SFBJV to facilitate analysis and revise efforts to protect and restore seasonal wetlands. We thank you for your consideration of this funding request. If you have further questions, please feel free to contact the Joint Venture Coordinator, Beth Huning, at 415-883-3854.

Sincerely,



Arthur Feinstein
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