

Exhibit 5: Letters of Support

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August 20, 2007

Douglas Bosco, Chair  
California Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612  
**ATTN: Su Corbaley, Project Manager**

Dear Mr. Bosco: *Doug*

I am pleased to offer my support for the lower Eel River watershed projects to be implemented by Steve Hackett on Howe Creek Ranch and Price Creek Ranch. The projects are titled "Lower Eel Watershed HR 05 Howe" and "Muddy Creek and Grouse Creek Instream."

These projects are two of several to be implemented by Mr. Hackett in the next few years as part of a comprehensive, lower Eel River watershed restoration effort. The projects will address riparian and in-stream conditions as well as upslope erosion and sediment delivery.

The lower Eel River watershed projects will have a positive impact on fishery and watershed health. Steve Hackett is a leader in the restoration field in our community and I believe these projects are a worthy investment.

I appreciate your favorable consideration of funding the Howe Creek Ranch and Price Creek Ranch projects. If I can provide any further information, please do not hesitate to contact my Eureka District Office at (707) 445-7014.

Respectfully,

*Patty Berg*  
PATTY BERG  
Assemblywoman, 1<sup>st</sup> District

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August 17, 2007

Douglas Bosco, Chair  
Attn: Sue Corbaley  
California Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612

RE: "Lower Eel Watershed HR05 Howe" and "Muddy Creek and Grouse Creek  
Instream" Projects

Dear Chairman Bosco,

I am writing in support of the Howe Creek Ranch and Price Creek Ranch projects which are currently before the Conservancy Board for funding consideration. They are titled "Lower Eel Watershed HR 05 Howe" and "Muddy Creek and Grouse Creek Instream" and are to be implemented in the lower Eel River watershed.

The projects will address riparian and instream conditions as well as upslope erosion and sediment delivery. Treatments are designed to address specific recommendations drawn from CDFG management plans, including the California Department of Fish and Game's Recovery Strategy for California Coho Salmon (2004) and Steelhead Restoration and Management Plan for California (1996) as well as numerous planning assessments.

I am pleased to be able to extend my strongest support for these projects. I urge the Conservancy to provide the funding necessary for their implementation. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pat Wiggins".

PATRICIA WIGGINS  
Senator, 2<sup>nd</sup> District

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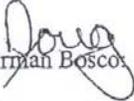
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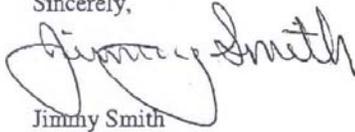
Chairman Douglas Bosco  
California Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612  
Attn: Su Corbaley, Project Manager

Dear Chairman Bosco 

I would like to thank the Conservancy for considering essential watershed work on the Howe Creek and Price Creek ranches. The area includes Howe, Muddy, and Grouse creeks, which are very important tributaries to the lower Eel. I have a keen interest in restoration projects that reduce sediment and protect and restore valuable riparian habitat. These projects will enhance our work to restore Eel River Salmon and Steelhead Trout populations.

If I can provide additional information, please feel free to contact me at (707) 476-2391.

Sincerely,



Jimmy Smith  
Supervisor, District 1  
County of Humboldt

Cc: Senator Pat Wiggins  
Assemblywoman Patty Berg

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ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER, Governor



August 7, 2007

Douglas Bosco, Chair  
California Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612

ATTN: Su Corbaley, Project Manager

I am writing to express our support for the projects to be implemented by Steve Hackett on the Howe Creek Ranch and Price Creek Ranch. The projects are titled "Lower Eel Watershed HR 05 Howe" and "Muddy Creek and Grouse Creek Instream." These projects are two of several to be implemented in the next few years as part of a comprehensive, lower Eel River Watershed restoration effort.

The projects will address riparian and instream conditions as well as upslope erosion and sediment delivery. Treatments are designed to address specific recommendations drawn from CDFG management plans, including CDFG's Recovery Strategy for California Coho Salmon (2004) and Steelhead Restoration and Management Plan for California (1996) as well as numerous planning assessments, including stream inventory reports compiled by DFG on Price, Muddy, Sweet and Adams Creeks.

The California Department of Fish & Game has contributed \$255,318 to these projects through the Fisheries Restoration Grants program as well as ensuring all necessary state permitting requirements are met.

We believe these projects will have a positive impact on the fishery and watershed health and look forward to the possibility of cooperating with you on their implementation.

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COASTAL CONSERVANCY  
OAKLAND, CALIF.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Trevor Tollefson".

Trevor Tollefson  
Fisheries Biologist  
California Department of Fish & Game

*Conserving California's Wildlife Since 1870*