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Mr. Doug Bosco, Chairman
State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, #1300
Oakland, CA 94612

Subject: Proposed Conservancy Authorization for Ballona Wetlands Enhancement Planning

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I am writing to encourage the State Coastal Conservancy to authorize funding for the preparation of a comprehensive restoration plan for the Ballona Wetlands Ecological Reserve. Completion of environmental impact analyses and permit applications will allow us to move forward with the implementation of a project that will restore natural habitat and improve public access to this important coastal property.

The Ballona Wetlands restoration project area encompasses more than 600 acres, making it the largest wetland restoration project in Los Angeles County. This location offers an extremely valuable opportunity to restore a Southern California coastal wetland and provide habitat for the rare and endangered species that depend on these wetlands. The site also has enormous potential for providing visitors with opportunities to see and experience wildlife in their natural wetland habitat, located in the heart of Los Angeles.

After the Conservancy and Wildlife Conservation Board funded the acquisition of this property in 2004, the Department of Fish and Game has taken over the ownership and management of the Ballona Wetlands Ecological Reserve. The Department of Fish and Game and the State Lands Commission share ownership of the Ballona Wetlands and are working in partnership with the Conservancy to develop a comprehensive restoration plan. The recommended authorization will allow the three State agencies to continue moving forward with the planning process and provide for the restoration of this ecologically significant site.

Sincerely,

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Acting Regional Manager
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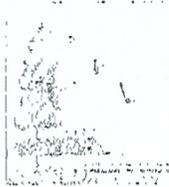
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Mr. Doug Bosco, Chairman
State Coastal Conservancy
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Subject: Proposed Conservancy Authorization for the Ballona Wetlands

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I am writing to strongly support the Conservancy's proposed funding for a comprehensive restoration plan for the Ballona Wetlands. The purpose of the funding is to complete environmental impact analyses and permit applications for a project to restore natural habitat and improve public access to the Ballona Wetlands.

The Ballona Wetlands restoration project area includes over 600 acres of state-owned land, including approximately 60 acres under the jurisdiction of the State Lands Commission (Commission). The project would be the largest wetland restoration project in Los Angeles County. In addition to restoring an important coastal wetland that provides habitat for rare and endangered species, the restored wetland would provide new opportunities for visitors to learn about these critical wetlands environments.

The Commission is working in partnership with the Department of Fish and Game (Department) and the Conservancy to develop the restoration plan. The Commission leased the portion of its property not already restored as a freshwater marsh to the Department for inclusion in the Ballona Wetlands Ecological Reserve with the goal that the property would be incorporated into the restoration plan. The proposed funding would provide for the necessary next steps in the effort to successfully restore these potentially invaluable wetlands; therefore, I encourage the Conservancy to approve the funding authorization.

Sincerely,

PAUL D. THAYER
Executive Officer