

Exhibit 5: Letters of Support

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August 24, 2007

Douglas Bosco, Chair
Members of the Board
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway 11th Floor,
Oakland, CA 94612

Re: File No. 00-117 Topanga Creek Rodeo Grounds Berm Removal

Dear Chair Bosco and Boardmembers:

I am writing to express my strong support for the Topanga Creek Rodeo Grounds berm removal project and to urge the Coastal Conservancy to approve the \$500,000 in grant funds for the California Department of Parks and Recreation and the Resource Conservation District of the Santa Monica Mountains. The removal of the berm is an essential component of ongoing efforts to restore the historic Topanga Lagoon at Topanga Creek.

This project, which is a part of the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Plan, will restore lower Topanga Creek, improve fish passage opportunities, allow for a natural re-adjustment of the creek channel through acres of floodplain and promote riparian habitat restoration in the disturbed areas.

This grant is crucial to our ongoing efforts to restore Topanga Creek. I appreciate your past support for this project and sincerely hope you will continue this support and approve these critically needed funds.

Thank you for your consideration. Please feel free to contact me if I can be of any assistance.

Sincerely,

SHEILA JAMES KUEHL
Senator, 23rd District

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