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September 25, 2007

Mr. Douglas Bosco  
Chairman  
State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

SUBJECT: SUPPORT FOR BATIQUITOS LAGOON FOUNDATION PURCHASE OF  
MITSUUCHI PROPERTY ON BATIQUITOS LAGOON

Dear Mr. Bosco:

I am writing to support the allocation, by the State Coastal Conservancy, of \$1.7 million to the Batiquitos Lagoon Foundation for the purpose of acquiring the Mitsuuchi property. These funds are currently earmarked for the Batiquitos Lagoon.

As you know, the State Coastal Conservancy has already granted \$50,000 dollars for pre-acquisition efforts including appraisal and early studies. The Mitsuuchi family has expressed a willingness to sell the property to the foundation at the appraised amount of \$2.4 million dollars. Although there is a desire on the part of the family to sell the property to the Foundation, there is a sense of time urgency. The Mitsuuchi family has expressed the desire for quick action to be taken in the purchase of the property, or they will opt with acquisition of the property by a land developer.

The Batiquitos Lagoon Foundation will ensure that this land is preserved for public use and ecological benefit with the rest of the Batiquitos Lagoon.

Sincerely,

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Mark Wyland  
Senator, 38<sup>th</sup> District

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# City of Carlsbad

## Planning Department

September 6, 2007

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State Coastal Conservancy  
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Oakland, CA 94612-2530

**SUBJECT: SUPPORT FOR BATIQUITOS LAGOON FOUNDATION ACQUISITION OF THE MITSUUCHI PROPERTY AT BATIQUITOS LAGOON**

Dear Mr. Bosco:

I am writing in support of the acquisition of the Mitsuuchi property at the Batiquitos Lagoon by the Batiquitos Lagoon Foundation.

The City of Carlsbad and the Batiquitos Lagoon Foundation ("BLF") are working together on enhancing trails and open space at the lagoon. The acquisition of the Mitsuuchi will greatly assist in realizing these priorities in several ways. First, purchasing this property would constitute a major step in the completion of the Batiquitos Lagoon North Shore Trail, which is the most frequently used area for public access at the lagoon. Second, further enhancement of the lagoon will be possible because of erosion control measures and invasive species removal that are needed on this property. Finally, this property contains wetland and upland habitat that will buffer the lagoon from surrounding urban development. The City of Carlsbad appreciates the value of buffering the lagoon to help protect the investment made through the 1996 lagoon enhancement program.

The BLF is a small 501(c)3 corporation that was formed in 1982 by a group of citizens concerned about the future of the lagoon. The BLF, as the only citizens group at the lagoon, has been instrumental in the restoration and public access projects that have been completed. The BLF is a volunteer-driven organization without the funds to pursue acquisition. Financial assistance from the State Coastal Conservancy would allow them to pursue the actions necessary to protect and enhance the ecological health and public enjoyment of the lagoon.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Grim", written over a white background.

**MICHAEL GRIM**  
Senior Planner  
HMP Implementation

C: Don Neu  
Chris DeCerbo

