

EXHIBIT 3: Letter of Support

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October 31, 2007

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Douglas Bosco, Chair
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 11th Floor
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Dear Chairman Bosco:

I am writing to express my support for a disbursement authorization of \$130,000 to Stewards of the Coast and Redwoods (Stewards) for design, engineering, and environmental documentation of a culvert replacement and channel restoration project in Willow Creek. Since 2000, Stewards has been supporting restoration efforts in this tributary of the Russian River.

Willow Creek has long been identified by state and county agencies as a high priority stream for the restoration of Coho salmon. Stewards' proposal for this coastal watershed is designed with consideration for improving anadromous fish habitat. The objective is to aid in the restoration of channel formation throughout the lower reach of the creek to allow for the recovery of healthy populations of Coho and steelhead. This multi-partner, stakeholder-based planning project has identified four top priorities in the watershed. Of particular concern is resolving sedimentation issues at a critical fish passage site.

It is my understanding that the design criteria for fish passage, crossing, and other options are to be presented to the TAC for their review and decision on a preferred option. The preferred replacement option will then be taken to 80% design, with full site plans and designer's cost estimates. These plans can then be used to solicit funds for construction grants.

I support the commitment of Stewards, PCI and State Parks to present the final project report with design and implementation plans to the public. This project will greatly benefit the 6th Congressional District and I urge you to give this proposal your full and careful consideration.

Sincerely,



Lynn Woolsey
Member of Congress

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October 24, 2007

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

Dear Chairman Douglas Bosco:

I am writing this letter to strongly support the authorization to disburse up to \$130,000 to Stewards of the Coast and Redwoods (Stewards) for engineering, design and environmental documentation for a culvert replacement and channel restoration project in Willow Creek, a tributary to the Russian River in western Sonoma County, for the purpose of improving anadromous fish habitat.

Stewards have been supporting restoration efforts in the Willow Creek watershed since the year 2000. The *Willow Creek Watershed Management Plan* (Stewards of the Coast and Redwoods, 2005) resulted from a multi-partner, stakeholder-based watershed planning process. It identified four top priorities in the watershed, one being to resolve the sedimentation issues at the 2nd Bridge. The objective of this project is to aid in the restoration of channel formation throughout the lower reach of Willow Creek to allow for the recovery of healthy populations of Coho salmon and steelhead to one of Sonoma County's significant coastal watersheds.

Willow Creek has long been identified by state and county agencies, as well as the local community, as a high priority stream for the restoration of Coho salmon. This project, to be undertaken by Stewards, Prunuske Chatham, Inc. and California State Parks, has our confidence and support. The conclusions that have been derived from many Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meetings points to this as being the best and most cost efficient solution to the challenges of restoring fish passage at 2nd Bridge. We understand that this phase of the project will research the preferred culvert replacement options, perform necessary geotechnical and hydraulic analyses, and produce an adaptive management and monitoring plan for channel development in the reaches upstream and downstream of the project. The design criteria for the crossing and details on the bridge and culvert options will be presented to the TAC for their review and decision on a preferred option. The preferred replacement option will then be taken to 80% design, with full site plans and designer's cost estimates. These plans can then be used to solicit funds for construction grants. We appreciate the commitment of Stewards, PCI and State Parks to present the final project report with design and implementation plans to the public.

I highly encourage you to support this worthy project and appreciate your consideration. Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,
Pat Wiggins
PATRICIA WIGGINS
Senator, 2nd District

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Cc: Michele Luna, Executive Director -Stewards of the Coast and Redwoods mluna@mcn.org

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October 25, 2007

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

Attn: Matt Gerhart, Project Manager

Dear Chairman Bosco,

As a member of the Coastal Conservancy Oversight Committee this letter comes to you to urge your support of the application for up to \$130,000 by the Stewards of the Coast and Redwoods (Stewards). Stewards plan to use this funding for engineering, design and environmental documentation for a culvert replacement and channel restoration project in a tributary to the Russian River in western Sonoma County known as Willow Creek. The goal is to improve anadromous fish habitat.

Stewards has been supporting restoration efforts in the Willow Creek watershed since the year 2000. The *Willow Creek Watershed Management Plan* (Stewards of the Coast and Redwoods, 2005) is the result of a multi-partner, stakeholder-based watershed planning process. It identified four top priorities in the watershed, one being to resolve the sedimentation issues at the 2nd Bridge. The objective of this project is to aid in the restoration of channel formation throughout the lower reach of Willow Creek to allow for the recovery of healthy populations of Coho salmon and steelhead to one of Sonoma County's significant coastal watersheds.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,



PATTY BERG
Assemblywoman, 1st District

CC: Michele Luna, Executive Director
Stewards of the Coast and Redwoods

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October 24, 2007

Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chairman
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Attention: Matt Gerhart, Project Manager

Dear Chairman Bosco:

This letter is in support of the authorization to disburse up to \$130,000 to Stewards of the Coast and Redwoods (Stewards) for engineering, design and environmental documentation for a culvert replacement and channel restoration project in Willow Creek, a tributary to the Russian River in western Sonoma County, for the purpose of improving anadromous fish habitat.

Stewards has been supporting restoration efforts in the Willow Creek watershed in my district since the year 2000. The *Willow Creek Watershed Management Plan* (Stewards of the Coast and Redwoods, 2005) resulted from a multi-partner, stakeholder-based watershed planning process. It identified four top priorities in the watershed, one being to resolve the sedimentation issues at the 2nd Bridge. The objective of this project is to aid in the restoration of channel formation throughout the lower reach of Willow Creek to allow for the recovery of healthy populations of Coho salmon and steelhead to one of Sonoma County's significant coastal watersheds.

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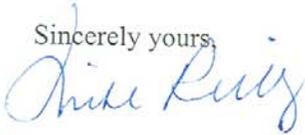
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Thank you for considering support of this important project.

Sincerely yours,



Mike Reilly
Fifth District Supervisor

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c: Michele Luna, Executive Director
Stewards of the Coast and Redwoods

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Arnold Schwarzenegger, Governor

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Russian River District
25381 Steelhead Blvd.
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October 25, 2007

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

Dear Mr. Bosco

On behalf of the California State Park System, the Russian River District Staff endorses the authorization to disperse up to \$130,000 to Stewards of the Coast and Redwoods (Stewards) for engineering, design and environmental documentation for the culvert replacement and channel restoration project in Willow Creek, a tributary of the Russian River, for the purpose of improving anadromous fish habitat.

Stewards have been an integral partner to State Parks in the restoration efforts in the Willow Creek watershed. The *Willow Creek Watershed Plan* (Stewards of the Coast and Redwoods, 2005) was the result of an outstanding partnership of public and private stakeholder-based planning. One of the top priorities of the plan identified the resolution of sediment accumulation at the second bridge along Willow Creek road. The objective of this project is to aid in the restoration of the channel formation throughout the lower reaches of Willow Creek. This will be a major step in the attempt to recover a healthy Salmon and Steelhead run in the Willow Creek Watershed.

The project will be accomplished through the combined efforts of California State Parks, Stewards and Prunuske Chatham, Inc. A Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) was formed to identify potential solutions that would meet the needs of the resources and be cost efficient in the effort to resolve the issues of fish passage at second bridge. This phase of the project will research the preferred culvert placement options; perform necessary geotechnical/hydraulic analysis and produce an adaptive management/monitoring plan for channel development in both the upstream and down stream portions of Willow Creek. The design criteria for the crossing and details on the bridge and culvert options will be presented to the TAC for review and a decision will be made on a preferred method. The preferred method will then be taken to 80% design, with full site plans and designers cost estimates. The plan will then be used to solicit funding for a construction grant.

California State Parks recognizes Willow Creek as one of the most significant "intact" watersheds under its ownership. This is also recognized by other State and County Agencies as well as local constituents. This project is fully supported by the Russian River District Staff.

Sincerely,

Liz Burko, Superintendent
Russian River District

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CC: Michele Luna, Executive Director
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October 31, 2007

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

Attn: Matt Gerhart, Project Manager

CC: Michele Luna, Executive Director – mluna@mcn.org
Stewards of the Coast and Redwoods

Dear Chairman Douglas Bosco,

This letter is in support of the authorization to disburse up to \$130,000 to Stewards of the Coast and Redwoods (Stewards) for engineering, design and environmental documentation for a culvert replacement and channel restoration project in Willow Creek, a tributary to the Russian River in western Sonoma County, for the purpose of improving anadromous fish habitat.

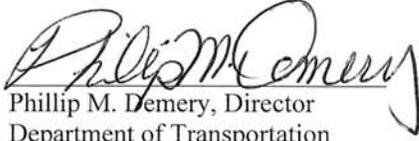
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funds for construction grants. We appreciate the commitment of Stewards, PCI and State Parks to present the final project report with design and implementation plans to the public.

We thank you for supporting this important project,

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Phillip M. Demery, Director
Department of Transportation
and Public Works

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Gold Ridge Resource Conservation District

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October 23, 2007

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

Attn: Matt Gerhart, Project Manager

CC: Michele Luna, Executive Director – mluna@mcn.org
Stewards of the Coast and Redwoods

Dear Chairman Douglas Bosco,

This letter is in support of the authorization to disburse up to \$130,000 to Stewards of the Coast and Redwoods (Stewards) for engineering, design and environmental documentation for a culvert replacement and channel restoration project in Willow Creek, a tributary to the Russian River in western Sonoma County, for the purpose of improving anadromous fish habitat.

Stewards has been supporting restoration efforts in the Willow Creek watershed since the year 2000. The Gold Ridge Resource Conservation District (District) understands the objective of this project is to aid in the restoration of channel formation throughout the lower reach of Willow Creek to allow for the recovery of healthy populations of Coho salmon and steelhead to one of Sonoma County's significant coastal watersheds. Continuation of the efforts that Stewards has pioneered through the Willow Creek Watershed Management Plan is of great significance toward the restoration of this priority salmonid watershed.

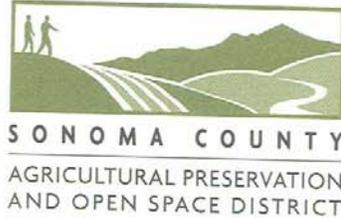
The District supports the efforts of the Stewards to develop this vital project in Willow Creek. This project will greatly benefit the natural resources in the District once implemented and we urge you to give this proposal your full and careful consideration.

Sincerely,

Lisa Hulette
Executive Director

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COASTAL CONSERVANCY
OAKLAND, CALIF.

November 2, 2007

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

Attn: Matt Gerhart, Project Manager

Dear Chairman Douglas Bosco:

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As you know, in May of 2005, the District, in collaboration with various partners, assisted in the acquisition of Willow Creek as an addition to Sonoma Coast State Park. Protection of the scenic Sonoma Coast, waterways and watershed lands critical for plants and animal habitat has long been a priority for the District and its partners. The Willow Creek property significantly enhances Sonoma County's open space, due to its proximity to other large contiguous protected lands. Further, the project protects the Willow Creek Watershed, vital to maintaining the natural diversity of the Sonoma Coast. The District supports the restorative efforts by the Stewards to ensure preservation of such valuable diversity and encourages the Conservancy to give serious consideration to the Stewards grant proposal.

Sincerely,


for Andrea Mackenzie
General Manager

c: Michele Luna, Executive Director, Stewards of the Coast and Redwoods
Maria J. Cipriani, Assistant General Manager
Misti C. Arias, Interim Conservation Program Manager

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October 31, 2007

Douglas Bosco
Chairman of the Board of Directors
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Attn: Matt Gerhart, Project Manager

Subject: Willow Creek/ Stewards of the Coast and Redwoods

Dear Chairman Bosco,

Sonoma Land Trust is pleased to support the allocation of up to \$130,000 to Stewards of the Coast and Redwoods (Stewards) for engineering, design and environmental documentation for a culvert replacement and channel restoration project in Willow Creek, a tributary to the Russian River in western Sonoma County, for the purpose of improving anadromous fish habitat.

Since 2000, Stewards has been raising funds and implementing public education and resource management projects in the Willow Creek watershed. Stewards has taken the lead to restore the Willow Creek watershed by bringing leadership, vision and support to the area. Stewards' current project proposal for planning and design of culvert replacement and fish passage improvements is a critical next step to successfully manage and restore the Willow Creek Watershed. Stewards' work in this watershed supplements and supports that of our organization and our partners to implement the 1996 Sonoma County Coastal Parcel Study, funded by the Coastal Conservancy. The study highlighted fee acquisition and easement opportunities, trail and public access potential, and opportunities for the conservation of unique natural features.

We hope your Board will support this project proposed by the Stewards of the Coast and Redwoods.

Sincerely,



Ralph Benson
Executive Director

CC: Michele Luna, Executive Director – mluna@mcn.org

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

Attn: Matt Gerhart, Project Manager

November 1, 2007

CC: Michele Luna, Executive Director – mluna@mcn.org
Stewards of the Coast and Redwoods

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We thank you for supporting this important project,

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Richard Nichols, Chair of the Coastwalk Advocacy Committee

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Attn: Matt Gerhart, Project Manager

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Stewards of the Coast and Redwoods

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We thank you for supporting this important project,

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Fran Gibson, Chair
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