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November 28, 2007

Mr. Douglas Bosco
Chairman
California Coastal Conservancy
13th Floor, 1330 Broadway
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RE: Support for a Grant for Completion of the Rose Creek Watershed Hydrologic and Hydraulic Study on the January 2008 Coastal Conservancy Agenda

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I am writing in support of Coastal Conservancy staff's recommendation to complete the hydrologic and hydraulic study for the Rose Creek Watershed (RCW) in San Diego.

In spring of 2004, the California State Coastal Conservancy, San Diego County, the City of San Diego, and San Diego Earthworks (SDEW) joined together to develop the Rose Creek Watershed Opportunities Assessment (Assessment), a comprehensive analysis of opportunities and recommendations to enhance the natural, cultural, public safety, and recreation attributes of the RCW.

During the Assessment it was determined that the existing hydrologic and hydraulic information available for the RCW was out of date. Accordingly, one of the recommendations of that Assessment was that a hydrologic and hydraulic assessment, as well as sediment transport and geomorphology, be conducted prior to the development and implementation of wetland or floodplain restoration projects to ensure they are feasible; appropriately designed; and their potential downstream effects understood.

Fortunately, a later action by the Coastal Conservancy helped SDEW begin that analysis. The action recommended by staff for the January 2008 Coastal Conservancy agenda will allow the study to be completed. The results of the completed study will provide information to help design restoration projects in the watershed to enhance the watershed, including improvements to wildlife habitat, flood management and public safety.

Exhibit 4: Letters of Support

The Rose Creek Watershed (RCW) is a 37-square mile area that extends from the Miramar Marine Corps Air Station sixteen miles along San Clemente and Rose creeks through Clairemont Mesa and University City to the east end of Mt. Soledad, finally draining to the 4,235.6-acre Mission Bay Park in eastern Pacific Beach.

Rose Creek is a gateway to the City of San Diego, the community of Pacific Beach, and to Mission Bay Park. Over 100,000 people live in the watershed and over 15 million people annually visit Mission Bay where Rose Creek meets the ocean. It's a long-neglected watershed that, thanks to the Coastal Conservancy's support, is finally getting the attention it deserves.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my support for this important study that will enhance the lives of the many Californians that visit and live in the region. Please feel free to contact my office regarding this or any other state related matter at (619) 645-3090.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lori Saldaña".

Lori Saldaña
Assembly Member, 76th District

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December 18, 2007

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

RE: January 2008 Coastal Conservancy Agenda: Support for a Grant for Completion of the Rose Creek Watershed Hydrologic and Hydraulic Study

Dear Chairman Bosco and Board Members,

I write in support of the staff recommendation of the Coastal Conservancy to complete the hydrologic and hydraulic study for the Rose Creek Watershed in San Diego.

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I encourage your support for a grant to allow the completion of the Rose Creek Watershed Hydrologic and Hydraulic Study.

Sincerely,



CHRISTINE KEHOE
Senator, 39th District

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