

Exhibit 5: Letters of Support

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March 10, 2008

Mr. Doug Bosco, Chair
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612
VIA FACSIMILE: (510) 286-0470

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I urge your support for the Salmon Creek Water Conservation Program grant proposal submitted by the Occidental Arts and Ecology Center. Salmon Creek is an extremely sensitive, salmonid-bearing coastal tributary that supplies water to the towns of Bodega and Bodega Bay in western Sonoma County.

This grant will allow a diverse project team to implement a regionally focused effort to protect and enhance salmonid habitat while improving community water supply. Salmonid habitat will be improved through an increase in the quantity and quality of summer streamflow available for juvenile steelhead rearing. Community water supply and security will be improved through a water conservation education program specifically tailored to the needs of coastal communities; the development of rainwater catchment systems; and upgrades to the water supply system serving the town of Bodega.

Implementation of this program will benefit both the salmonid and human populations in the Salmon Creek watershed and produce a model water conservation program for coastal communities throughout the state.

I urge the Coastal Conservancy approve the grant proposal for this most worthy project. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

PATTY BERG
1st Assembly District

cc: Brock Dolman, OAEC
Lauren Hammock, Prunuske Chatham
Kathleen Kraft, SCWC



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March 10, 2008

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

Dear Doug:

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The project team includes the local non-profit Occidental Arts and Ecology Center, the Gold Ridge Resource Conservation District, the Salmon Creek Watershed Council and environmental consultants Prunuske Chatham, Inc. These team members have been working together for a number of years to improve habitat in the watershed. Implementation of this program will benefit both the salmonid and human populations in the Salmon Creek watershed and produce a model water conservation program that can be used in coastal communities throughout the state.

Thank you very much for considering this grant proposal.

Sincerely yours,

Mike Reilly
Fifth District Supervisor

MR:ps:20943

c: Brock Dolman, Occidental Arts and Ecology Center



DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

Ruth Coleman, Director

Russian River District
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Mr. Doug Bosco, Chair
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612
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March 12, 2008

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I am writing in support of the Salmon Creek Water Conservation Program grant proposal. Salmon Creek is an extremely sensitive, salmonid-bearing coastal tributary that supplies water to the towns of Bodega and Bodega Bay in western Sonoma County. A significant portion of the Salmon Creek estuary is within Sonoma Coast State Park and provides critical habitat and refugia for sensitive species and recreational opportunities and coastal access for thousands of visitors each year.

Building on years of successful research and collaboration in the watershed, this grant will allow a diverse project team to implement a regionally-focused effort to protect and enhance salmonid habitat while improving community water supply. Salmonid habitat will be improved through an increase in the quantity and quality of summer streamflow available for juvenile steelhead rearing. Improved conditions within the estuary will directly benefit wildlife and the park visitor experience. Community water supply and security will be improved through implementation of a water conservation education program specifically tailored to the needs of coastal communities, the development of rainwater catchment systems, and upgrades to the water supply system serving the town of Bodega.

The project team includes the local non-profit Occidental Arts and Ecology Center, the Gold Ridge Resource Conservation District, the Salmon Creek Watershed Council, and environmental consultants Prunuske Chatham, Inc. These team members have been working together for a number of years to improve habitat in the watershed. I am fortunate to have direct experience with each of these project team members and know their commitment and passion will be reflected in the final product. Implementation of this program will benefit both the salmonid and human populations in the Salmon Creek watershed and produce a model water conservation program that can be used in coastal communities throughout the state.

Thank you very much for considering this grant proposal.

Sincerely,

Brendan O'Neil
Environmental Scientist
Natural Resource Program Manager
California State Parks
Russian River District



DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

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March 14, 2008

Mr. Doug Bosco, Chair
California Coastal Conservancy
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Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I am writing in support of the Salmon Creek Water Conservation Program grant proposal. Salmon Creek is an extremely sensitive, salmonid-bearing coastal tributary that supplies water to the towns of Bodega and Bodega Bay in western Sonoma County.

In 2002 and 2003, the California Department of Fish and Game (DFG) conducted salmonid habitat surveys throughout the Salmon Creek watershed. In-stream flow was minimal, causing lethal conditions for juvenile salmonids. This watershed is designated critical habitat for coho salmon. Addressing low in-stream flow and adverse effects of water diversions in the Salmon Creek watershed is a priority task under DFG's Recovery Strategy for California Coho Salmon (DFG 2004). Water conservation practices are needed to reduce the impacts on both creeks and groundwater resources.

Building on years of successful research and collaboration in the watershed, this grant will allow a diverse project team to implement a regionally-focused effort to protect and enhance salmonid habitat while improving community water supply. Salmonid habitat will be improved through an increase in the quantity and quality of summer streamflow available for juvenile steelhead rearing. Community water supply and security will be improved through implementation of a water conservation education program specifically tailored to the needs of coastal communities, the development of rainwater catchment systems, and upgrades to the water supply system serving the town of Bodega.

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Thank you very much for considering this grant proposal.

Sincerely,

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Gail Seymour
Associate Biologist / Watershed Planner
Fisheries Management

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OAKLAND, CALIF.

Mr. Doug Bosco, Chair
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612
VIA FACSIMILE: (510) 286-0470

March 11, 2008

Dear Chairman Bosco:

Bodega Water Company is writing to express our support of the Salmon Creek Water Conservation Design and Demonstration Project grant proposal to the State Coastal Conservancy. Salmon Creek is an extremely sensitive, salmonid-bearing coastal tributary that supplies water to the towns of Bodega and Bodega Bay in western Sonoma County. We support and thank Occidental Arts and Ecology Center, and its project partners, in their efforts to improve conditions for all residents of the Salmon Creek watershed.

The collaborative effort by various stake holders in the Salmon Creek Community Water Conservation program is inspiring and productive. The BWC board is committed to providing a reliable and safe water supply to the rural economically-disadvantaged town of Bodega. With the help of this grant we can move on with plans for a more efficient storage and distribution system, as well as perform community outreach with demonstrations of water catchment systems.

This project will address our critical challenges that relate to our water supply, water quality, and ecosystem protection. Clearly the project addresses the critical issues of public health and the economic viability of the town of Bodega. Bodega is well suited for a Pilot Study for water conservation because of its size and existing infrastructure. Cooperation among community members to install water catchment systems is now getting underway with excellent models in place and imaginative innovation at hand.

Thank you very much for considering this grant request.

Sincerely, *Karl Andersen*

Karl Andersen, Secretary
Board of Directors
Bodega Water Company
PO Box 87
Bodega, California 94922

**Gold Ridge Resource Conservation District****P.O. Box 1064 – Occidental, CA 95465 – Phone (707) 874-2907 – Fax (707) 874-9607**

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California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
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March 17, 2008

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I am writing in support of the Salmon Creek Water Conservation Program grant proposal. Salmon Creek is an extremely sensitive, salmonid-bearing coastal tributary that supplies water to the towns of Bodega and Bodega Bay in western Sonoma County.

It is the understanding of the Gold Ridge Resource Conservation District (GRRCD) Board of Directors that this project is the culmination of both years of research and a strong collaborative community effort. A watershed focused program to protect and enhance salmonid habitat while improving community water supply is of critical importance to the Salmon Creek Watershed community.

The project team includes the local non-profit Occidental Arts and Ecology Center, the GRRCD, the Salmon Creek Watershed Council, and environmental consultants Prunuske Chatham, Inc. These team members have been working together for a number of years to improve habitat in the watershed. Implementation of this program will greatly enhance and build upon the efforts that the State Coastal Conservancy has supported in Salmon Creek over the past few years. The GRRCD is a committed participant in this program and supports the collective strategies for waters conservation that the project team has developed.

We urge you to give this proposal your full and careful consideration.

Sincerely,

Lisa Hulette
Executive Director



Brian J. Johnson
Director, California Water Project
Staff Attorney

March 18, 2008

Mr. Doug Bosco, Chair
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612
VIA FACSIMILE: (510) 286-0470

Re: Salmon Creek Water Conservation Program

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I am writing in support of the Salmon Creek Water Conservation Program grant proposal. Salmon Creek is an extremely sensitive, salmonid-bearing coastal tributary that supplies water to the towns of Bodega and Bodega Bay in western Sonoma County.

This grant would allow a diverse project team to implement a regionally-focused effort to protect and enhance salmonid habitat while improving community water supply. Salmonid habitat would be improved through an increase in the quantity and quality of summer streamflow available for juvenile steelhead rearing. Community water supply and security would be improved through implementation of a water conservation education program specifically tailored to the needs of coastal communities, the development of rainwater catchment systems, and upgrades to the water supply system serving the town of Bodega.

The project team includes the local non-profit Occidental Arts and Ecology Center, the Gold Ridge Resource Conservation District, the Salmon Creek Watershed Council, and environmental consultants Prunuske Chatham, Inc. These team members have been working together for a number of years to improve habitat in the watershed. Implementation of this program will benefit both the salmonid and human populations in the Salmon Creek watershed and produce a model water conservation program that can be used in coastal communities throughout the state.

Thank you very much for considering this grant proposal.

Sincerely,

Brian J. Johnson

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BODEGA LAND TRUST

dedicated to the conservation and stewardship of land and community

March 12, 2008

Mr. Doug Bosco, Chair
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612
~~VIA FACSIMILE: (510) 286-0470~~

RE: Salmon Creek Water Conservation Program Proposal, Letter of Support

Dear Chairman Bosco:

Bodega Land Trust is a 501 (c)(3) with the mission to preserve land and community in West Sonoma County. We work directly with interested landowners who want to protect their land with a Conservation Easement so it can be enjoyed by future generations of people, plants and animals. We work collaboratively with local colleagues, and are very supportive of our neighbors who have developed this excellent proposal for water conservation in the Salmon Creek watershed. Salmon Creek is an extremely sensitive, salmonid-bearing coastal tributary that supplies water to the towns of Bodega and Bodega Bay in western Sonoma County.

The proposed concept builds upon years of successful research and collaboration by knowledgeable people who live in the watershed. The aim is to implement a regionally-focused effort to protect and enhance salmonid habitat and improve the community water supply. Salmonid habitat will be improved through an increase in the quantity and quality of summer streamflow available for juvenile steelhead rearing. Community water supply and security will be improved through implementation of a water conservation education program specifically tailored to the needs of coastal communities, the development of rainwater catchment systems, and upgrades to the water supply system serving the town of Bodega. All of these goals will benefit and enrich our environment.

The project team includes the local non-profit Occidental Arts and Ecology Center, the Gold Ridge Resource Conservation District, the Salmon Creek Watershed Council, and environmental consultants Prunuske Chatham, Inc. They are a dedicated and professional team that has worked together for a number of years to improve habitat in the watershed. Implementation of this program will benefit both the salmonid and human populations in the Salmon Creek watershed and produce a model water conservation program that can be used in coastal communities throughout the state.

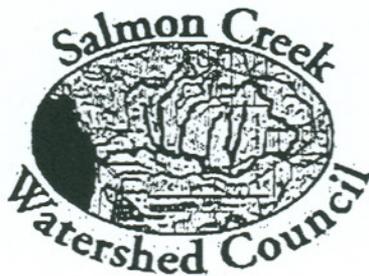
Thank you very much for your consideration this grant proposal.
Sincerely,


Mary Biggs
President, Bodega Land Trust Board of Directors

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March 20, 2008

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

VIA FACSIMILE: (510) 286-0470

Dear Mr. Bosco,

We are writing to express our strong support for Occidental Arts and Ecology Center's submitted proposal for the Salmon Creek Water Conservation Program. The Salmon Creek Watershed Council (SCWC) is a partner in this program, and we believe that it fits in with the Coastal Conservancy's goals of developing regionally-focused efforts to protect and enhance salmonid habitat and coastal resources – through water conservation, water quality improvements, and estuarine habitat structures.

The Salmon Creek Watershed Council developed the Salmon Creek Water Conservation Program with a diverse project team including Occidental Arts and Ecology Center, Prunuske Chatham Inc., and Gold Ridge RCD. With this program we aim to increase the amount and quality of summer streamflow available for juvenile steelhead rearing while supporting the water supply needs of the residents. In order to recover our once thriving salmonid populations and provide water security for our disadvantaged communities a multi-pronged approach must be taken, including a water conservation education program tailored to coastal communities, individual rain water catchment systems, and upgrades to community water supply systems. The communities served by this program include family ranches, rural residential properties, businesses, and vineyards. The town of Bodega will serve as a regional model for water system upgrades, alternative water sources, and a concerted water conservation program to reduce its dependence on Salmon Creek for drinking water and irrigation supply. The project will continue years of successful collaboration with the community, local non-profits and businesses, and regulatory agencies. In addition to water conservation, construction plans and regulatory permits will be developed and finalized for multiple large wood structures in the estuary for critical juvenile salmonid rearing habitat.

Salmon Creek is an extremely sensitive, salmonid-bearing coastal tributary. These projects are critical to the ongoing local and regional salmon recovery and watershed restoration programs. We urge you to give this funding request your full consideration and support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kathleen Kraft".

Kathleen Kraft,
for Members of the Salmon Creek Watershed Council