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Douglas Bosco, Chairman
California Coastal Conservancy
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ATTN: Abe Doherty

Dear Chairman Bosco:

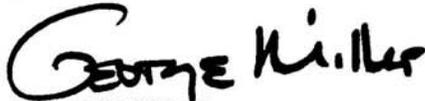
I am writing in strong support of the \$165,000 request by the San Francisco Estuary Institute for the *San Francisco Bay Creosote-Treated Pilings Removal Assessment* proposal. This project would launch an important step in the restoration of the sub-tidal habitats of San Francisco Bay, which is the subject of the collaborative Sub-tidal Habitat Goals Project, led by the Coastal Conservancy, the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and the San Francisco Estuary Project. This project would also provide planning necessary for restoration projects that will assist Bay resources that were affected by the recent oil spill.

Creosote-treated wood has been used in marine waters for many years, and efforts to limit or remove it are underway in many regions. Creosote is a complex mixture of compounds which can leach from pilings over the decades that the pilings persist. In San Francisco Bay, it has been found that herring spawn on creosote-treated pilings, resulting in deformities and lowered survival rates.

This project will integrate historical and environmental assessments of the impacts (and the benefits) of the structures. It will map the structures in the Bay and analyze their historic significance and determine which ones are abandoned and therefore prime candidates for removal. It will provide a conceptual analysis of the techniques, costs, and permitting requirements necessary to remove or mitigate the environmental effects of hazardous contaminants that may leach from the structures. The project will also bring together experts on artificial substrates of the Bay to make recommendations about reducing their impacts to help support the Bay Sub-tidal Habitat Goals Project.

I urge your favorable consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



GEORGE MILLER
Member of Congress
7th District, California

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March 10, 2008

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

Dear Mr. Bosco:

I am writing to express my support for the *San Francisco Bay Creosote-Treated Pilings Removal Assessment* proposal, which the San Francisco Estuary Institute (SFEI) has submitted to the California Coastal Conservancy. This project launches one important step in the collaboration of the Coastal Conservancy, the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and the San Francisco Estuary Project to restore subtidal habitats to San Francisco Bay. The project will also provide planning necessary for restoration projects that will assist Bay resources that were affected by the recent oil spill.

Creosote-treated wood has been used in marine waters for many years but efforts to limit or remove creosote-treated wood from marine waters are underway throughout the country. Creosote is a complex mixture of compounds which has been distilled from coal tar and can leach from the pilings. In San Francisco Bay, it has been found that herring spawn on creosote-treated pilings, results in deformities and lowered survival rates.

This proposed project integrates not just the environmental impacts of creosote-treated pilings but it also considers the historical significance of creosote-treated structures in the Bay. It will provide an analysis of the techniques, costs, and permitting requirements necessary to remove or mitigate the environmental effects of the hazardous contaminants that may leach from these structures. The project will also bring together experts to make recommendations on how to reduce the impacts of these structures and to help support the San Francisco Bay Subtidal Habitat Goals Project.

Thank you for the consideration of this important proposal.

Sincerely,

CAROLE MIGDEN
Senator, 3rd District

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Loni Hancock ASSEMBLYWOMAN, FOURTEENTH DISTRICT

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March 6, 2008

Douglas Bosco
Chairman of the Board
Attn: Abe Doherty
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 11th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Bosco,

I am writing to express my support for the *San Francisco Bay Creosote-Treated Pilings Removal Assessment* proposal submitted by the San Francisco Estuary Institute to the California Coastal Conservancy. This project would launch an important step in the restoration of the subtidal habitats of San Francisco Bay, which are the subject of the collaborative Subtidal Habitat Goals Project, led by the California Coastal Conservancy, the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC), the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), and the San Francisco Estuary Project. The project will also provide planning necessary for restoration projects that will assist Bay resources that were affected by the recent oil spill.

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Thank you for the consideration of this important proposal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Loni Hancock". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

LONI HANCOCK
Assemblywoman

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE

Southwest Region
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March 12, 2008

Douglas Bosco
Chairman of the Board
Attn: Abe Doherty
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Bosco,

I am writing to express my support and \$36,750.00 of NOAA matching funds for the *San Francisco Bay Creosote-Treated Pilings Removal Assessment* proposal submitted by the San Francisco Estuary Institute to the California Coastal Conservancy. This project would launch an important step in the restoration of the subtidal habitats of San Francisco Bay, which are the subject of the collaborative Subtidal Habitat Goals Project, led by the California Coastal Conservancy, the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC), the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), and the San Francisco Estuary Project. The project will also provide planning necessary for restoration projects that will assist Bay resources that were affected by the recent oil spill.

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Thank you for the consideration of this important proposal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in red ink that reads "Patrick J. Rutten".

Patrick J. Rutten
Southwest Region Supervisor
NOAA Fisheries Restoration Center



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Making San Francisco Bay Better

February 20, 2008

Douglas Bosco, Chairman
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, Suite 1300
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Bosco:

I am writing to support a request from the San Francisco Estuary Institute for funding from the Coastal Conservancy for a proposal entitled *Removal of Creosote-treated Pilings and Structures from San Francisco Bay*. By supporting this project, the Conservancy can provide valuable information that is needed to advance the Subtidal Habitat Goals Project, a collaborative venture being carried out by the Conservancy, our Commission, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and the San Francisco Estuary Project.

Creosote-treated wood has been used in marine waters for many years. However, creosote is a complex mixture of compounds, which can leach from pilings. When herring spawn on creosote-treated pilings their survival is lowered and their incidence of deformities increase. Therefore, efforts to limit or remove it are now underway.

This project will integrate historical and environmental assessments of both the benefits and the negative impacts of creosote-treated pilings, map their locations within the Bay and link that information with other studies being conducted for the Subtidal Habitat Goals Project. The project will also provide a conceptual analysis of the techniques, costs, and permitting requirements necessary to remove or mitigate the environmental effects of hazardous contaminants that may leach from the pilings.

I hope you will agree that this important proposal deserves the Conservancy's support.

Sincerely,

WILL TRAVIS
Executive Director

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Governor

Douglas Bosco
Chairman of the Board
Attn: Abe Doherty
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Bosco:

I am writing to express my support for the *San Francisco Bay Creosote-Treated Pilings Removal Assessment* proposal submitted by the San Francisco Estuary Institute to the California Coastal Conservancy. This project would launch an important step in the restoration of the subtidal habitats of San Francisco Bay, which are the subject of the collaborative Subtidal Habitat Goals Project, led by the California Coastal Conservancy, the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and the San Francisco Estuary Project. The project will also provide planning necessary for restoration projects that will assist Bay resources that were affected by the recent oil spill.

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Thank you for the consideration of this important proposal.

Sincerely,

Thomas Mumley
Assistant Executive Officer

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February 21, 2008

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

Dear Mr. Bosco,

I understand that the Conservancy is considering the approval of a proposal from the San Francisco Estuary Institute (SFEI) for the *Removal of Creosote-Treated Pilings and Structures from San Francisco Bay*. As a participant in the Subtidal Habitat Goals Project, I strongly recommend your approval of this proposal as it will contribute valuable information toward restoration efforts in San Francisco Bay, and help to implement several of the key actions recently identified as priority issues for the San Francisco Estuary Project.

As the recent oil and sewage spills sadly highlight, the Bay is a resource of unparalleled value to the Bay Area which continues to be in peril from a wide variety of sources. The proposed work to be done by SFEI will help bring about management changes that will address a long-term source of contamination in the Bay. Information developed by SFEI will include a conceptual analysis of the techniques, costs, and permitting requirements necessary to remove or mitigate the environmental effects of hazardous contaminants that may leach from the structures. All of this will be welcome new information about how to address a serious issue facing the Bay ecosystem.

I would like to thank you in advance for your positive consideration of this important proposal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Judy A. Kelly".

Judy A. Kelly, Director

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February 29, 2008

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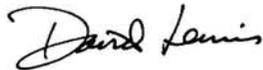
Dear Mr. Bosco:

I encourage the Conservancy to support and provide funding for the San Francisco Estuary Institute's proposal for the *Removal of Creosote-Treated Pilings and Structures from San Francisco Bay*. This project would advance an aspect of San Francisco Bay restoration whose importance has been recognized by the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC), the California Coastal Conservancy, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), and the San Francisco Estuary Project in its collaborative Subtidal Habitat Goals Project.

Save The Bay is the largest membership organization working exclusively to protect and restore San Francisco Bay, with more than 10,000 members throughout the region. We rely on the San Francisco Estuary Institute for scientific expertise on many aspects of the Bay's ecology and restoration. Creosote-treated wood has been used in marine waters for many years, but efforts to limit or remove it are underway in many regions. Creosote is a complex mixture of compounds, which can leach from pilings over the decades that the pilings persist. In San Francisco Bay, it has been found that when herring spawn on pilings, survival is lowered and incidence of deformities is increased.

This project will integrate historical and environmental assessments of the pilings' Bay impacts with maps of the structures and a conceptual analysis of the techniques, costs, and permitting requirements necessary to remove or mitigate the environmental effects of hazardous contaminants that may leach from the structures. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



David Lewis
Executive Director

The logo for "SAVE THE BAY" features the words "SAVE" and "BAY" in a large, bold, blue sans-serif font. The word "THE" is positioned between "SAVE" and "BAY" and is rendered in a smaller, orange, sans-serif font.