

Exhibit 4: Letters of Support



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National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE

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In Response refer to:
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April 9, 2007

Joel Gerwein
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway
Oakland, CA 94612
RE: Letter for Support for the San Geronimo Planning effort

Dear Mr. Gerwein,

I am writing to express our support for the San Geronimo Planning effort proposed by the Marin County Public Works Watershed Management Program. The Central California population of coho salmon is listed as endangered under both the U.S. Endangered Species Act (2005) and California's Endangered Species Act (2005). This fish passage project fulfills important restoration objectives in both the State and Federal Recovery Plans for coho salmon.

The purpose of this plan is to produce a set of actions and strategies to enhance and protect habitat for coho salmon and steelhead in the San Geronimo watershed and to prioritize opportunities to restore the natural biological and hydrological functions in the watershed.

The plan is to be completed by October 1, 2009 and would serve as a pilot effort to provide guidance for the enhancement of salmonid habitat throughout Marin. Plan goals will be consistent with the State's *Recovery Strategy for California Coho Salmon* adopted in 2004, which involves several approaches: Interim and long term actions, Equitable apportionment of both public and private support and action, Equitable apportionment of regulatory and non-regulatory obligations, Scientifically, technologically and economically reasonable means, Best available scientific data, Financial investments and Long term commitment and efforts of all stakeholders in the watershed.





The National Marine Fisheries Service is fully supportive of the San Geronimo Valley Salmon Enhancement Plan as this valley is a core recovery area for Central California Coast Coho Salmon. The first priority of NMFS recovery efforts are to focus on core areas that currently have Coho Salmon and to take the necessary steps to prevent their localized extinction from these areas. The San Geronimo Valley is one of the most critical core areas in the Lagunitas Watershed and the Lagunitas Watershed is one of the top ten watersheds identified for Central California Coast Coho Salmon that is vital to their recovery.

If you have questions please feel free to contact me at (707) 575-6080 or by e-mail at Kit.Crump@noaa.gov. Thank you for your consideration of this application!

Sincerely

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Donald "Kit" Crump
NOAA Restoration Center





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May 5, 2008

Joel Gerwein
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Dear Mr. Gerwein:

This letter is to encourage support of the *San Geronimo Valley Salmon Enhancement Plan* project proposed by the Marin County Public Works Watershed Management Program.

The purpose of this plan is to produce and prioritize actions and strategies to enhance, protect and restore habitat for coho salmon and steelhead trout in the San Geronimo Creek watershed. If funded, the plan would be completed by October 1, 2009 and would serve as the pilot effort to provide guidance for the enhancement of salmonid habitat throughout Marin County. Plan goals will be consistent with the Department of Fish and Game's (DFG) *Recovery Strategy for California Coho Salmon* (2004), which include "interim and long term actions, equitable apportionment of both public and private support and action and obligations, scientifically, technologically and economically reasonable means, and a long term commitment to involve all stakeholders in the watershed."

The plan also includes three conceptual site designs, describing how and where the habitat enhancement or protection practices could be implemented at specific sites as demonstration projects to be incorporated into public education workshops for landowners and agency staff.

The technical advisory committee (TAC) is being organized to provide expert consultation during the plan development. Staff from DFG, National Marine Fisheries Service, San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board, and other agencies and organizations will serve on the TAC to ensure the planning is science-based with broad stakeholder involvement.

The San Geronimo Creek watershed is one of the State's highest priority watersheds for coho salmon and steelhead trout habitat restoration. DFG hopes you will favorably consider this project for funding. If you require further information, please contact Ms. Gail Seymour of my staff at (707) 944-5583, or by email at GSeymour@dfg.ca.gov. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Charles Armor
Regional Manager
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May 2, 2008

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Marin County has participated on the Marin Municipal Water District TAC for the past ten years. The construction of this project fits well with the objectives of the TAC as a multi-stakeholder organization, with the goal to restore salmonid habitat throughout the Lagunitas watershed.

Development of the San Geronimo Valley Salmon Enhancement Plan will create a template for ecologically based planning, which can then be applied throughout Marin County in other important watersheds, critical to salmon restoration. Thank you for giving this request your full consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jared Huffman".

Jared Huffman
California State Assemblyman