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May 8, 2008

Mr. Doug Bosco, Chair
State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, #1300
Oakland, CA 94612

RE: Proposed Conservancy Authorization for Ballona Wetlands

Dear Chair Bosco:

I respectfully request the State Coastal Conservancy to authorize funding for the Ballona Wetlands. These funds would support the planning for public access and interpretive improvements that could be implemented in the next year as well as data collection to support the long term restoration of the entire site.

The Ballona Wetlands restoration project area encompasses 600 acres. It is the largest wetland restoration project in Los Angeles County. The site offers an extremely important opportunity to restore a Southern California coastal wetland area and provide habitat for the rare and endangered species that depend on these wetlands. These 600 acres will provide visitors the opportunity to visit and safely explore a treasure in their own backyard.

Thank you for your consideration. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Jenny Oropeza
State Senator, 28th District

cc: Mary Small
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May 1, 2008

Mr. Doug Bosco, Chairman
State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, #1300
Oakland, CA 94612

RE: Proposed Conservancy Authorization for Ballona Wetlands

Dear Chairman Bosco:

As Assemblymember of the 53rd District which includes part of the wetlands, I am writing to encourage the Conservancy to authorize funding for the Ballona Wetlands. These authorizations would support planning for public access and interpretive improvements that could be implemented in the next year as well as data collection to support the long term restoration of the entire site.

The Ballona Wetlands restoration project area is 600 acres, making it the largest wetland restoration project in Los Angeles County. The site offers an extremely important opportunity to restore a Southern California coastal wetland and provide habitat for the rare and endangered species that depend on these wetlands. The site also has enormous potential for providing visitors opportunities to see and experience these habitats, as it is located in the heart of Los Angeles.

I am proud to support the Ballona Wetlands, and the Conservancy's efforts to revitalize the land, and restore it to its native habitat.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please call me at (310) 615-3515.

Sincerely,

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Assemblymember, 53rd District

cc: Mary Small

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Mr. Doug Bosco, Chairman
State Coastal Conservancy
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Subject: Proposed Conservancy Authorization for the Ballona Wetlands

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I am writing to encourage the Conservancy to authorize funding for the Ballona Wetlands. These authorizations would support planning for public access and interpretive improvements that could be implemented in the next year as well as data collection to support the long-term restoration of the entire site.

The Ballona Wetlands restoration project area includes over 600 acres of state-owned land, including approximately 60 acres under the jurisdiction of the State Lands Commission (Commission). The project would be the largest wetland restoration project in Los Angeles County. In addition to restoring an important coastal wetland that provides habitat for rare and endangered species, the restored wetland would provide new opportunities for visitors to learn about these critical wetlands environments.

The Commission is working in partnership with the Conservancy and the Department of Fish and Game (Department) to develop the restoration plan. The Ballona Wetlands Ecological Reserve includes property leased by the Commission to the Department and the Department's fee-owned property. The proposed funding would provide for important next steps in the effort to successfully restore this significant property as wetlands; therefore, I support the Conservancy's proposed funding authorization.

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