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# California State Senate

**ABEL MALDONADO**  
FIFTEENTH SENATE DISTRICT

April 16, 2008

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

Dear Mr. Bosco:

I am writing to express my support for the proposed State Coastal Conservancy grant in the amount of \$300,000 to the County of Santa Cruz Department of Public Works for the implementation of two fish passage improvement projects, the Shingle Mill Gulch Fish Passage Improvement Program.

The projects include retrofitting one culvert and replacing another along Eureka Canyon Road, both located on Shingle Mill Gulch, a tributary to Corralitos Creek in Santa Cruz County. The Corralitos Creek watershed is a high priority steelhead stream. Due to its location on the Pajaro River, Corralitos Creek, including the Shingle Mill Gulch tributary, is accessible to steelhead even in the driest years when fish are unable to reach many of the tributaries higher in the watershed.

The Santa Cruz County Department of Public Works has a strong commitment to successfully completing and implementing these projects. I urge you to give every possible consideration to supporting this grant request. If I can provide you with any additional information to assist you in your decision, please let me know.

Sincerely,

ABEL MALDONADO  
Senator, 15<sup>th</sup> District

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April 28, 2008

Coastal Conservancy  
Attn: Douglas Bosco  
1330 Broadway, 13<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

RE: Shingle Mill Gulch Fish Passage Improvement Program

I am writing in support of the Santa Cruz County Department of Public Works' (DPW) request for support to retrofit one culvert and replace another along Eureka Canyon Road in order to implement the Shingle Mill Gulch Fish Passage Improvement Program.

Both culverts involved in this project are located on Shingle Mill Gulch, a tributary to Corralitos Creek in Santa Cruz County. These two sites represent two of the five human-created fish passage barriers in the Corralitos Creek watershed identified as high or moderate priority projects in *The County of Santa Cruz Stream Crossing Inventory and Fish Passage Evaluation (2004)*. The Integrated Watershed Restoration Program (IWRP) for Santa Cruz County has funded designs and permits for these two projects.

The Corralitos Creek watershed is a high priority steelhead stream and supports one of the most robust runs of steelhead on the South-Central California Coast. Fishery restoration efforts in Corralitos Creek have been a major focus of the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) due to the quality of habitat in Corralitos Creek.

Due to its location on the Pajaro River, Corralitos Creek, including the Shingle Mill Gulch tributary, is accessible to steelhead even in the driest years when fish are unable to reach many of the tributaries higher in the watershed.

DPW has participated as part of the IWRP since its inception. They have a strong commitment to successfully complete and implement these IWRP Projects. In addition, DPW has developed the expertise to efficiently execute the tasks necessary for successful completion of these projects. DPW successfully executed both the Valencia Road Culvert Retrofit in 2006 and the Valencia Creek Fish Ladder Replacement in 2007 with Conservancy funds. One of the primary functions of DPW is to design municipal projects, administer the public bidding process and to manage and inspect construction of those projects. DPW has taken literally hundreds of projects from concept through construction.

This project is part of a comprehensive approach to fish passage in the Corralitos watershed, which is critical to the viability and recovery of the South Central California Steelhead Distinct Population Segment throughout its range.

Thank you for your consideration of this application.

Sincerely,



**JOHN LAIRD**, Assemblymember  
27<sup>th</sup> District

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In Response refer to:  
F/SWR3:KC

March 25, 2007

Coastal Conservancy  
Attn: Douglas Bosco  
1330 Broadway, 13<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Oakland, Ca 94612-2530

RE: Shingle Mill Gulch Fish Passage Improvement Program Letter of Support

I am writing to support the County of Santa Cruz Department of Public Works request for support to retrofit one culvert and replace another along Eureka Canyon Road, both located on Shingle Mill Gulch, a tributary to Corralitos Creek in Santa Cruz County, to implement the Shingle Mill Gulch Fish Passage Improvement Program.

These two sites represent two of the five man-made fish passage barriers in the Corralitos Creek watershed identified as high or moderate priority projects in Ross Taylor and Associates' *The County of Santa Cruz Stream Crossing Inventory and Fish Passage Evaluation* (2004). The Integrated Watershed Restoration Program ("IWRP") for Santa Cruz County has funded designs and permits for these two projects.

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

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kit Crump". The signature is stylized and fluid.

Donald "Kit" Crump  
NOAA Restoration Center





State of California - The Resources Agency

ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER, Governor

## DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

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May 12, 2008

Mr. Douglas Bosco  
California Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13<sup>th</sup> floor  
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

Re: Letter of Support for Fish Passage Improvement Projects on  
Shingle Mill Gulch, Corralitos Creek, Santa Cruz County

Dear Mr. Bosco:

I am the Fisheries Restoration Program Grant contact person, and district fisheries biologist for Santa Cruz County. I am writing in support of two projects currently being planned by the County of Santa Cruz Department of Public works to improve fish passage on a tributary to Corralitos Creek known as Shingle Mill Gulch. These projects represent two of the five anthropogenic barriers that were identified as high or moderate priority barriers in the 2004 Stream Crossing Inventory and Fish Passage Evaluation prepared for the County of Santa Cruz by Ross Taylor and Associates. The projects will serve to retrofit one culvert and replace another, thus easing adult steelhead passage to some of the best available spawning habitat in the Corralitos Creek watershed.

Corralitos Creek is a tributary to the Pajaro River and, as such, is a high visibility watershed for the regulatory agencies due to the presence of south-central California coast DPS steelhead trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*), a federally threatened species. In recent years, as declines in anadromous fish populations have become more and more apparent and alarming, the need is now greater than ever to pursue every possible opportunity to promote survival of these fish by improving and enhancing their habitat and removing barriers to their migration. The California Department of Fish & Game has been mandated by law, and committed for many years, to seek out these opportunities through partnerships with groups such as Santa Cruz County's Integrated Watershed Restoration Program (IWRP) to identify, promote, fund and implement fish passage and habitat restoration projects. Thanks in large part to projects such as those managed by the IWRP in cooperation with Santa Cruz County's Department of Public Works, the Pajaro River's steelhead population is doing remarkably well overall, and I have been told by more than one long-term resident of the Pajaro watershed that this last winter's steelhead run was the best they could remember for at least the last 25 years. Successes such as this are what we strive for, and I sincerely believe that every single completed project brings us closer to our goals of a healthy, functioning watershed ecosystem.

*Conserving California's Wildlife Since 1870*

Mr. Douglas Bosco  
California Coastal Conservancy  
May 12, 2008  
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For the Corralitos projects, DFG has participated through one or a combination of ways including funding; Regional General Permit coverage for CESA, CEQA and CWA; planning and design review and implementation assistance; and biological monitoring during construction. DFG is very interested in getting the Shingle Mill Gulch projects successfully completed, and would like to convey our full support for whatever funding the Conservancy is able and willing to allocate.

I appreciate your consideration, and would be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michelle Leicester". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a white background.

Michelle Leicester  
Associate Fisheries Biologist  
Bay/Delta Region

cc: Jim Robins, IWRP



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April 7, 2008

Douglas Bosco  
California Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

RE: SHINGLE MILL GULCH FISH PASSAGE  
IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM LETTER OF SUPPORT

Dear Mr. Bosco:

I am writing to support the request by the Santa Cruz County Department of Public Works to retrofit one culvert and replace another along Eureka Canyon Road, both located on Shingle Mill Gulch, a tributary of Corralitos Creek in Santa Cruz County. These projects will implement the Shingle Mill Gulch Fish Passage Improvement Program.

These two sites represent two of the five man-made fish passage barriers in the Corralitos Creek watershed identified as high or moderate priority projects in Ross Taylor and Associates' *The County of Santa Cruz Stream Crossing Inventory and Fish Passage Evaluation* (2004). The Integrated Watershed Restoration Program (IWRP) for Santa Cruz County has funded designs and permits for these two projects.

The Corralitos Creek watershed is a high priority steelhead stream and supports one of the most robust runs of steelhead on the South/Central California coast. Fisheries restoration efforts in Corralitos Creek have been a major focus of the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) because of the quality of habitat in Corralitos Creek. Due to its location on the Pajaro River, Corralitos Creek, including the Shingle Mill Gulch tributary, is accessible to steelhead even in the driest years when fish are unable to reach many of the tributaries higher in the watershed.

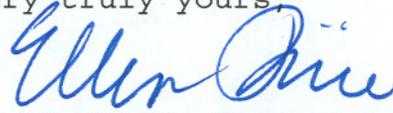
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The Department of Public Works has participated as part of the IWRP since its inception. The department has a strong commitment to successfully complete and implement these IWRP projects. In addition, Public Works has developed the expertise to efficiently execute the tasks necessary for successful completion of these projects. Department staff successfully executed both the Valencia Road Culvert Retrofit in 2006 and the Valencia Creek Fish Ladder Replacement in 2007 with Conservancy funds. One of the primary functions of the Department of Public Works is to design municipal projects, administer the public bidding process, and to manage and inspect construction of those projects. The department has taken literally hundreds of projects from concept through construction.

Thank you for considering my comments in this matter.

Very truly yours,



ELLEN PIRIE, Supervisor  
Second District

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April 1, 2008

Coastal Conservancy  
Attn: Douglas Bosco  
1330 Broadway, 13<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Oakland, Ca 94612-2530

### RE: Shingle Mill Gulch Fish Passage Improvement Program Letter of Support

Dear Mr. Bosco:

I am writing to support the Santa Cruz County Department of Public Work's funding request for the Shingle Mill Gulch Fish Passage Improvement Program. Through this program DPW proposes to retrofit one culvert and replace another along Eureka Canyon Road in order to improve fish passage in Shingle Mill Gulch - a tributary to Corralitos Creek and the Pajaro River.

These sites are two of the five man-made fish passage barriers in the Corralitos Creek watershed identified as high or moderate priority projects in Ross Taylor and Associates' *The County of Santa Cruz Stream Crossing Inventory and Fish Passage Evaluation* (2004). The Integrated Watershed Restoration Program ("IWRP") for Santa Cruz County has funded designs and permits for these two projects.

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Sincerely,

John A. Ricker  
Water Resources Division Director

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