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August 7, 2008

State Coastal Conservancy  
Attn: Douglas Bosco, Chairman  
1330 Broadway, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I am writing to express my strong support for the Estero Americano Watershed Dairy Enhancement Project Implementation Phase II proposal to the State Coastal Conservancy.

It is my understanding that the Gold Ridge Resource Conservation District, in partnership with USDA NRCS, will be assisting five family-run dairies in the Estero Americano Watershed to adopt manure and pasture management practices that will enhance soil fertility and forage productivity while at the same time reducing the potential for nutrient runoff from farm fields. The conservation practices to be funded include riparian pasture fencing and re-vegetation, off-channel water development, cross-fencing, manure composting facilities, and the purchase and installation of manure transfer and distribution equipment that will allow operators greater control over the timing and rate of manure application to farm fields.

The Estero Americano is an extremely sensitive coastal water body and it is critical for these projects to be implemented in a timely manner. I urge you to give this application your full and careful consideration. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

PATRICIA WIGGINS  
Senator, 2<sup>nd</sup> District

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August 11, 2008

State Coastal Conservancy  
Attn: Douglas Bosco, Chairman  
1330 Broadway, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Chairman Bosco: *Doug*

As a member of the Coastal Conservancy Oversight Committee I am writing to express my support for the Estero Americano Watershed Dairy Enhancement Project Implementation Phase II proposal to the State Coastal Conservancy.

It is my understanding that the Gold Ridge Resource Conservation District, in partnership with USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service, will be assisting five family-run dairies in the Estero Americano Watershed to adopt manure and pasture management practices that will enhance soil fertility and forage productivity while at the same time reducing the potential for nutrient runoff from farm fields. The conservation practices to be funded include riparian pasture fencing and revegetation, off-channel water development, cross-fencing, manure composting facilities, and the purchase and installation of manure transfer and distribution equipment that will allow operators greater control over the timing and rate of manure application to farm fields.

The Estero Americano is an extremely sensitive coastal waterbody and it is critical these projects are implemented in a timely manner. Agriculture being a big part of the economy in Sonoma County – especially the part of Sonoma County in the 1<sup>st</sup> Assembly District – this project is important and worthy of support.

I urge the approval of this application and thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

*Patty Berg*

PATTY BERG  
Assemblywoman, 1<sup>st</sup> District

cc: Patricia Hickey, Program Director  
Matt Gerhart, State Coastal Conservancy

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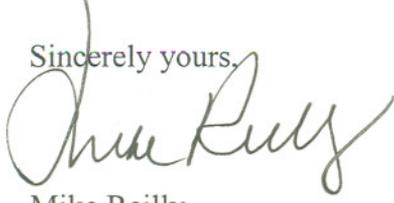
Mr. Doug Bosco, Chairman  
State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612

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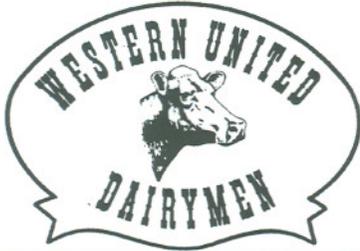
Sincerely yours,  


Mike Reilly  
Fifth District Supervisor

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August 11, 2008

Douglas Bosco, Chairman  
State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 11th Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Chairman Bosco:

Western United Dairymen is a dairy trade association representing approximately 1,100 dairy families, who produce 60 percent of the milk in California. Most of the dairies located within the Estero Americano Watershed are members of our association. We are writing to express our support for the Estero Americano Watershed Dairy Enhancement Project Implementation Phase II proposal to the State Coastal Conservancy.

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The Estero Americano is a sensitive coastal water body. It is important that producers are assisted in implementation of these projects in a timely manner. We urge you to give this application your full and careful consideration.

Very truly yours,

Michael L. H. Marsh, CPA  
Chief Executive Officer

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cc: Leslie Corp  
Paul Martin

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