



November 18, 2008

The Honorable Douglas Bosco
Chair, State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, Suite 1300
Oakland, CA 94612
c/o Marilyn Latta, Project Manager

Re: Support for the San Francisco Bay Subtidal Goals Project, Technical Services

Dear Mr. Bosco;

I am writing to express my support for the Coastal Conservancy Board to approve a \$45,000 grant request at the December 2008 Board Meeting, to grant funds to the Coastal Conservancy Association for technical support to the San Francisco Bay Subtidal Goals Project. This will allow the Coastal Conservancy Association to provide \$45,000 in contracts for paying members of the Science, Restoration, and Resource Management Committees. The contracts will fund non-governmental staff for their time participating in the planning process for the project.

The objectives of Subtidal Habitat Goals Project include 1) developing goals for management, protection and enhancement of subtidal habitats in San Francisco Bay; 2) identifying and prioritizing research needs; and 3) characterizing the subtidal habitats and their functions. Government agencies with authority over managing San Francisco Bay lack sufficient information on the subtidal habitats, and a focused effort is needed in order to improve management of the bay's resources. Emerging restoration and enhancement efforts for the subtidal habitats need a coordinated approach to designing projects in an efficient and effective manner. The Subtidal Habitat Goals Project will complement the Wetlands Goals Project, which was completed in 1999, and the Upland Goals Project, which is on-going, to develop a comprehensive, long-term management vision for the San Francisco Bay Area.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association (NOAA), Bay Conservation and Development Commission, the Coastal Conservancy and Ocean Protection Council, and the San Francisco Estuary Project are coordinating this project, which has significant support from many other federal and state agencies. NOAA has contributed \$300,000 and the San Francisco Estuary Project, with EPA funding, has provided an \$18,000 grant to BCDC for work on this project. I encourage the Coastal Conservancy to use \$45,000 of funds dedicated for use by the Coastal Conservancy Association to contract for services to complete this Project.

Sincerely,

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Steve Edmondson
Santa Rosa Area Supervisor for
Habitat Conservation





Making San Francisco Bay Better

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SUBJECT: Support for the San Francisco Bay Subtidal Goals Project, Technical Services

Dear Mr. Bosco:

I am writing to express my support for the State Coastal Conservancy Board to grant funds to the Coastal Conservancy Association to provide technical support to the San Francisco Bay Subtidal Goals Project. This will allow the Coastal Conservancy Association to take steps necessary to develop and provide \$45,000 in contracts to compensate project committee members. The contracts will fund non-governmental staff for their time participating in the planning process for the project, as part of the Science, Restoration, and Management Working Committees.

The San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission is dedicated to protecting the long-term health and public resource values of the Bay's ecosystem. The Commission has partnered with the Coastal Conservancy and the Ocean Protection Council, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association, and the San Francisco Estuary Project, to undertake the San Francisco Bay Subtidal Habitat Goals Project.

Government agencies with authority over managing the Bay lack sufficient information on the subtidal habitats of the Bay and a focused effort is needed in order to improve management of the Bay's resources. Emerging restoration and enhancement efforts for the subtidal habitats need a coordinated approach to designing restoration projects in an efficient and effective manner. The objectives of the Subtidal Habitat Goals Project include characterizing the biological and physical properties of the Bay's subtidal areas and developing protection, restoration and research goals for subtidal habitats in the San Francisco Bay. Funding for eligible committee members to participate in the project will facilitate the successful completion of this important effort. I therefore encourage the Coastal Conservancy to use \$45,000 of funds dedicated for use by the Coastal Conservancy Association to contract for services for the San Francisco Bay Subtidal Habitat Goals Project.

Sincerely,

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WILL TRAVIS
Executive Director