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November 5, 2008

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Re: Letter of Support for RCDSCC Integrated Watershed Restoration Program Phase III

Dear Mr. Bosco:

I am writing to express my strong support for the grant request submitted by the Resource Conservation District of Santa Cruz County (RCDSCC) to implement Phase III of the Integrated Watershed Restoration Program (IWRP).

Phase III has three main components:

- In a collaborative effort with local, state, and federal partners, RCDSCC will work to establish a modified IWRP program in San Mateo and Monterey Counties and provide technical and financial assistance for designs and permits on critical restoration projects in San Mateo, Santa Cruz, and Monterey Counties;
- RCDSCC will provide seed money to introduce its Rural Roads Erosion Control Technical Assistance Program in San Mateo and Monterey Counties, conduct road assessments, and design and permit erosion control projects;
- RCDSCC will negotiate the renewal of the master permit agreements for the Permit Coordination Program in Santa Cruz County and continue support of the program as a key mechanism for permitting IWRP restoration projects.

The goal of Phase III is to maintain the momentum in Santa Cruz County on several remaining high priority projects, as well as introduce IWRP into neighboring San Mateo and Monterey Counties. The RCDSCC is supported in this effort by the National

Marine Fisheries Service, the California Department of Fish and Game, California State Parks, and the California Regional Water Quality Control Board.

Through the last two phases of this project, RCDSCC has demonstrated sound fiscal responsibility, expertise in project assessment and management, and an unwavering commitment to protecting and restoring our fragile coastal watersheds.

I encourage you to give the proposal every consideration.

Sincerely,



S. Joseph Simitian
State Senator, Eleventh District

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Doug Bosco, Chair
State Coastal Conservancy
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RE: IWRP Phase 3

Dear Chair Bosco:

I am writing to express my support for awarding a grant to the Resource Conservation District of Santa Cruz County (RCDSCC) to implement Phase 3 of the Integrated Watershed Restoration Program (IWRP) which will focus on three components: 1) work with local, state and federal partners to establish a modified IWRP program in San Mateo and Monterey Counties and provide technical and financial assistance for designs and permits for 7-10 critical restoration projects in San Mateo, Santa Cruz and Monterey Counties; 2) provide seed money to introduce the RCDSCC's Rural Roads Erosion Control Technical Assistance Program in San Mateo and Monterey Counties, conduct road assessments and design and permit 2-4 erosion control projects; and 3) negotiate the renewal of the master permit agreements for the Permit Coordination Program in Santa Cruz County, and continue support of the program as a key mechanism for permitting IWRP restoration projects.

Phase 3 of IWRP will maintain the momentum in Santa Cruz County on several remaining high priority projects, as well as introduce IWRP into neighboring San Mateo and Monterey Counties. Phase 3 has support from the National Marine Fisheries Service, the Department of Fish and Game and the Regional Water Quality Control Board because it will provide guidance and assistance to local watershed partners across all three counties.

The RCDSCC has a strong track record of success in identifying, developing and implementing high priority projects through IWRP. This request will enable the RCDSCC to train staff from the Monterey and San Mateo Resource Conservation Districts and provide guidance on how to conduct road-related trainings and assessments, and how to oversee the preparation of designs and permits for recommended projects.

IWRP phase 3 will also enable the RCDSCC staff to negotiate the renewal of the master permit agreements for the Permit Coordination Program in Santa Cruz County. The original permits extended for five years and the demand from private landowners has far exceeded expectations with 10 restoration projects completed in the first two years, 17 projects implemented in 2007, and 20 projects constructed in 2008 alone.

The RCDSCC has demonstrated sound fiscal responsibility as well as expertise in project management, road assessments, landowner outreach and partner collaboration—they are well suited to carry out Phase 3 of IWRP. All of the proposed project components will serve to protect and restore coastal watersheds through coordination of restoration planning efforts. I have supported IWRP since its inception and fully support this grant request to fund IWRP Phase 3. Thank you for your consideration.

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Sincerely,

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JOHN LAIRD, Assemblymember
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Cc: Kate Goodnight, Project Manager

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November 5, 2008

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C/O Douglas Bosco, Chairman
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RE: IWRP Phase 3 Letter of Support

Dear Chairman Bosco:

This letter is to support the grant request submitted by the Resource Conservation District of Santa Cruz County (RCDSCC) to implement Phase 3 of the Integrated Watershed Restoration Program (IWRP) which will serve to protect and restore important coastal watershed areas through the coordination of restoration planning efforts. The grant focuses on three components: one, to work with local, state, and federal partners to establish a modified IWRP program in San Mateo and Monterey Counties and provide technical and financial assistance for designs and permits for critical restoration projects in San Mateo, Santa Cruz, and Monterey Counties. Two, to provide seed money to introduce the RCDSCC's Rural Roads Erosion Control Technical Assistance Program in San Mateo and Monterey Counties, and to conduct road assessments and design and permit erosion control projects in the same region. Finally, the last component is to negotiate the renewal of the master permit agreements for the Permit Coordination Program in Santa Cruz County and continue support of the program as a key mechanism for permitting IWRP restoration projects.

Phase 3 of IWRP will maintain the momentum in Santa Cruz County on several remaining high priority projects, as well as introduce IWRP into neighboring San Mateo and Monterey Counties. Phase 3 has support from the National Marine Fisheries Service, the Department of Fish and Game, the California Department of Parks and Recreation and the Regional Water Quality Control Board because it provides guidance and assistance to local watershed partners across all three counties.

This grant request will provide the much needed technical and financial assistance necessary for the coordination, training, design and permitting of projects, to allow a multi-jurisdictional effort to restore the coastal watershed areas. It is not easy to navigate the regulatory agencies charged with protecting our natural resources, and this grant would provide the ability for one agency to coordinate the multi-county efforts. This phase of the program compliments the recommendations in the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuaries Ag Water Quality Plan and will serve to protect and restore coastal watersheds through coordination of restoration planning efforts. Thank you for your consideration. If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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ANNA M. CABALLERO
Assemblymember, 28th Assembly District

Cc: Kate Goodnight, Project Manager

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RICHARD GORDON

Board of Supervisors
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November 3, 2008

State Coastal Conservancy
C/O Douglas Bosco, Chairman
1330 Broadway, Ste. 1300
Oakland, CA 94612

RE: IWRP Phase 3 Letter of Support

Dear Chairman Bosco:

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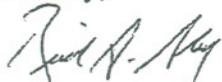
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This request for IWRP Phase 3 will enable the RCDSCC to train staff from the Monterey and San Mateo RCDs and provide guidance on how to conduct road-related trainings and assessments and work with other local partners to oversee the preparation of designs and permits for recommended projects. It will introduce IWRP in San Mateo and Monterey Counties and provide financial and technical assistance to design and permit 7-10 restoration projects in San Mateo, Santa Cruz, and Monterey Counties. IWRP helps implement the recommendations in the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary's



Agricultural Water Quality Plan and will serve to protect and restore coastal watersheds through coordination of restoration planning efforts. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Richard S. Gordon
San Mateo County Supervisor

cc: Kate Goodnight, Project Manager

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November 3, 2008

State Coastal Conservancy
C/O Douglas Bosco, Chairman
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RE: Integrated Watershed Restoration Program Phase 3 Letter of Support

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I am writing to express my support for the Integrated Watershed Restoration Program (IWRP) Phase 3. The City of Watsonville has partnered with the IWRP since its inception and feels that the program has tremendous benefits to local partners. Phase 3 will focus on three components: 1) work with local, state, and federal partners to establish a modified IWRP program in San Mateo and Monterey Counties and provide technical and financial assistance for designs and permits for 7-10 critical restoration projects in San Mateo, Santa Cruz, and Monterey Counties; 2) provide seed money to introduce the RCDSCC's Rural Roads Erosion Control Technical Assistance Program in San Mateo and Monterey Counties, conduct road assessments, and design and permit 2-4 erosion control projects; and 3) negotiate the renewal of the master permit agreements for the Permit Coordination Program in Santa Cruz County and continue support of the program as a key mechanism for permitting IWRP restoration projects.

Phase 3 of the IWRP will maintain the momentum in Santa Cruz County on several remaining high priority projects, as well as introduce the IWRP into neighboring San Mateo and Monterey Counties. The IWRP is an invaluable resource to ensure high priority restoration projects move forward. In addition, it facilitates dialogue and solutions to restoration challenges through its Design and Permit Process and the involvement of the IWRP TAC. The City of Watsonville has been able to accomplish several priorities in the Corralitos Creek Watershed and the Watsonville Sloughs as a result of the IWRP. The City strongly supports this request and looks forward to participating with the IWRP Phase 3 in the future. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Carlos Palacios
City Manager

c: Kate Goodnight, Project Manager

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October 28, 2008

State Coastal Conservancy
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RE: Integrated Watershed Restoration Program Phase 3 Support

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I am writing to express my strong support for the Resource Conservation District of Santa Cruz County's (RCDSCC) proposal for funding to implement Phase 3 of the Integrated Watershed Restoration Program (IWRP). IWRP has provided a successful framework for implementing numerous resource protection projects in Santa Cruz County, and Phase 3 will expand this successful program to Monterey and San Mateo Counties while continuing to work on projects in Santa Cruz County. Phase 3 will also negotiate the renewal of the master permit agreements for the Permit Coordination Program in Santa Cruz County and continue support of the program as a key mechanism for permitting IWRP restoration projects. The original permits extended for five years and the demand from private landowners has far exceeded expectations with 10 restoration projects completed in the first two years, 17 projects implemented in 2007, and 20 projects constructed in 2008 alone. Phase 3 of IWRP will maintain the momentum in Santa Cruz County on several remaining high priority projects.

The RCDSCC has demonstrated sound fiscal responsibility and expertise in project management, road assessments, landowner outreach, and partner collaboration, and is well suited to carry out Phase 3 of IWRP. All of the proposed project components will serve to protect and restore coastal watersheds through coordination of restoration planning efforts. I have supported IWRP since its inception and support this grant request to fund IWRP Phase 3. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

John A. Ricker
Water Resources Division Director

Cc: Kate Goodnight, Project Manager

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October 28, 2008

State Coastal Conservancy
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RE: IWRP Phase 3 Letter of Support

Dear Chairman Bosco:

The City of Santa Cruz wishes to express our strong support to award a grant to the Resource Conservation District of Santa Cruz County (RCDSCC) to implement Phase 3 of the Integrated Watershed Restoration Program (IWRP). The health of the Arana Gulch Creek watershed within the City of Santa Cruz has greatly benefited from the previous IWRP phases.

The Resource Conservation District of Santa Cruz County has done an excellent job working with local partners in Santa Cruz to identify and coordinate implementation of high priority restoration projects. The RCDSCC is very well qualified to carry out Phase 3 of IWRP. Continued restoration planning efforts through IWRP is essential for ensuring the health of coastal watersheds within Santa Cruz. The City of Santa Cruz has supported IWRP since its inception and supports this grant request to fund IWRP Phase 3. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Steve Hammack
Superintendent of Parks

Cc: Kate Goodnight, Project Manager

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October 29, 2008

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RE: IWRP Phase 3 Letter of Support

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I am writing to express my strong support to award a grant to the Resource Conservation District of Santa Cruz County (RCDSCC) to implement Phase 3 of the Integrated Watershed Restoration Program (IWRP). IWRP is a critical program that identifies resource priorities while working with local, state, and federal partners to provide technical and financial assistance for designs and permits of high priority projects. Phase 3 of IWRP will maintain the momentum in Santa Cruz County on several remaining high priority projects, as well as introduce IWRP into neighboring San Mateo and Monterey Counties.

The Land Trust of Santa Cruz County has worked with the IWRP Phase I program on projects in the Watsonville Sloughs. The Land Trust is committed to working with the RCDSCC and other local partners to identify opportunities to utilize IWRP to address our resource priorities. The utilization of the TAC and the Design and Permit Coordinator insures that only high priority projects are developed, designed and permitted.

The RCDSCC has demonstrated sound fiscal responsibility as well as expertise in project management, road assessments, landowner outreach, and partner collaboration, and are well suited to carry out Phase 3 of IWRP. All of the proposed project components will serve to protect and restore coastal watersheds through coordination of restoration planning efforts. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Terry Corwin
Executive Director
Land Trust of Santa Cruz County

Cc: Kate Goodnight, Project Manager

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RE: IWRP Phase 3 Letter of Support

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I am writing on behalf of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to express my strong support to award a grant to the Resource Conservation District of Santa Cruz County (RCDSCC) to implement Phase 3 of the Integrated Watershed Restoration Program (IWRP). BLM has utilized IWRP Phase I to help design and permit the first Coho recovery project south of San Francisco. We feel that the Technical Advisory Committee has provided an invaluable amount of information and support for high priority resource conservation projects. We will soon be the owners and managers for a portion of the Coast Dairies and Land Company and we have a large holding in the Fort Ord area of Monterey County. We look forward to working with IWRP and our local partners to identify, develop and design high priority restoration projects for implementation. IWRP is a critical program that identifies resource priorities while working with local, state, and federal partners to provide technical and financial assistance for designs and permits of high priority projects. Phase 3 of IWRP will maintain the momentum in Santa Cruz County on several remaining high priority projects, as well as introduce IWRP into neighboring San Mateo and Monterey Counties.

BLM's mission is to sustain the health, diversity and productivity of the public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations. The IWRP is an invaluable mechanism to ensure high quality restoration projects are developed and implemented on public and private lands. This program contributes to BLM's mission of sustaining the health, diversity and productivity of the public lands. I ask for your serious consideration to support the IWRP Phase 3.

Sincerely,

Rick Cooper
Field Manager

Cc: Kate Goodnight, Project Manager

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November 5, 2008

State Coastal Conservancy
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RE: IWRP Phase 3 Letter of Support

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I am writing to express my support for a grant award to the Resource Conservation District of Santa Cruz County (RCDSCC) to implement Phase 3 of the Integrated Watershed Restoration Program (IWRP) Phase 3 will maintain the momentum in Santa Cruz County on several remaining high priority projects, as well as introduce IWRP into neighboring San Mateo and Monterey Counties. It has support from the National Marine Fisheries Service, DFG and the RWQCB for providing guidance and assistance to local watershed partners across all three counties, focusing on three components: 1) work with local, state, and federal partners to introduce a modified IWRP program in San Mateo and Monterey Counties and provide technical and financial assistance for designs and permits for critical restoration projects in San Mateo, Santa Cruz, and Monterey Counties; 2) provide seed money to introduce the RCDSCC's Rural Roads Erosion Control Technical Assistance Program in San Mateo and Monterey Counties, conduct road assessments, and design and permit several erosion control projects; and 3) negotiate the renewal of the master permit agreements for the Permit Coordination Program in Santa Cruz County and continue support of the program as a key mechanism for permitting IWRP restoration projects.

The RCD of Monterey County has a close working relationship with and high regard for the RCDSCC's work and success in identifying, developing and implementing high priority projects through programs such as IWRP and collaboration with local partners such as ourselves. This request for IWRP Phase 3 will enable the RCDSCC to extend their successful IWRP model and Rural Roads program to train my staff and those from San Mateo RCD in conducting the associated outreach, coordination and implementation needed as well as the means to implement a few initial local restoration projects under the newly-localized programs to get the ball rolling. It's just this sort of ingenuity, cooperation and skill which makes the Central Coast conservation partnerships so successful at the critical work we undertake.

The RCDSCC has demonstrated sound fiscal responsibility as well as expertise in project management, road assessments, landowner outreach, and partner collaboration, and are well suited to carry out Phase 3 of IWRP. All of the proposed project components will serve to protect and restore coastal watersheds through coordination of restoration planning efforts. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Paul Robins
Executive Director

Cc: Kate Goodnight, Project Manager
Karen Christensen, RCDSCC Executive Director

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RE: IWRP Phase 3 Letter of Support

Dear Chairman Bosco:

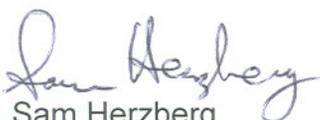
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Exhibit 3: Project Letters

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Sincerely,



Sam Herzberg
Senior Planner

cc: Kate Goodnight, Project Manager
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October 27, 2008

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RE: IWRP Phase 3 Letter of Support

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Sincerely,

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Kellyx Nelson
Executive Director

cc: Kate Goodnight, Project Manager



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November 4, 2008

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C/O Douglas Bosco, Chairman
1330 Broadway, Ste. 1300
Oakland, CA 94612

RE: IWRP Phase 3 Letter of Support

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I am writing to express my support for IWRP Phase 3 of the Integrated Watershed Restoration Program (IWRP). The Arana Gulch Watershed Alliance (AGWA) has benefited from the IWRP Phase I program on projects identified in the Arana Gulch Watershed Enhancement Plan. IWRP is a critical program that works with local, state, and federal partners to provide technical and financial assistance for designs and permits of high priority projects. Phase 3 of IWRP will maintain the momentum in Santa Cruz County and the Arana Gulch Watershed on several remaining high priority projects, as well as introduce IWRP into neighboring San Mateo and Monterey Counties.

The Arana Gulch Watershed Alliance is committed to working with the RCDSCC and other local partners to utilize IWRP to address our resource priorities. The Enhancement plan insures that only high priority projects will be designed and permitted.

The RCDSCC has demonstrated sound fiscal responsibility as well as expertise in project management, road assessments, landowner outreach, and partner collaboration, and are well suited to carry out Phase 3 of IWRP. All of the proposed project components will serve to protect and restore coastal watersheds through coordination of restoration planning efforts. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Bobbie Haver'. The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Bobbie Haver, Watershed Coordinator
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Cc: Kate Goodnight, Project Manager

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Exhibit 3: Project Letters



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National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE

Southwest Region
777 Sonoma Ave., Room 219-A
Santa Rosa, CA 95404-6528

November 5, 2008

Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chairman
State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, Ste. 1300
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Chairman Bosco:

This letter is to express the NOAA Restoration Center's support for the Resource Conservation District of Santa Cruz County (RCDSCC) grant application to implement Phase 3 of the Integrated Watershed Restoration Program (IWRP). Phase 3 of the IWRP will focus on three key program areas: 1) Design and Permits, 2) Roads and Erosion Control, and 3) Long-term Restoration Planning and Coordination in Santa Cruz, Monterey and San Mateo counties. NOAA's endorses this grant since Monterey and San Mateo counties are two of the most underrepresented coastal counties in need of salmonid restoration funding. NOAA, along with CDFG and the RWQCB support this grant because it provides technical support for salmonid restoration to three counties that have critically low populations of Coho salmon and steelhead.

Phase 3 of the IWMP will provide for enhanced local, state, and Federal collaboration to develop an IWRP program in San Mateo and Monterey Counties, and to provide technical and financial assistance for the design and permitting of several critical restoration projects. This grant will also provide funds to introduce the RCDSCC's Rural Roads Erosion Control Technical Assistance Program which will provide the three counties the ability to conduct road assessments and to implement erosion control projects. Last, this grant will provide an opportunity to renew the Permit Coordination Program in Santa Cruz County to streamline permitting of IWRP restoration projects.

The RCDSCC is recognized as a critical partner to implement NMFS's restoration projects in the salmonid recovery plans. Recently, the RCDSCC implemented the only project designed to benefit the endangered Central California Coast Coho Salmon south of the San Francisco Bay. This could not have been accomplished without the funding provided by the California State Coastal Conservancy and the Regional Water Quality Control Board. The IWRP not only fills a critical niche in terms of funding the design and permitting of projects, it has also been a key source of funding to leverage other projects that have been designed and permitted by IWRP, and other restoration grant programs.

The RCDSCC and Alnus Ecological, a consulting firm who helps manage IWRP projects, have a strong track record of collaboratively developing and implementing high priority restoration projects. They have also demonstrated solid financial and project management, as well as, conducting road assessments, and landowner outreach. We are confident that the RCDSCC and Alnus Ecological have the capability to effectively implement any restoration project undertaken.



Exhibit 3: Project Letters

In our opinion, the IWRP is one of the best programs around that can serve to protect and restore coastal watersheds through coordinated restoration planning. Funding the RCDSCC's grant application will have a direct and measurable impact on restoring coastal salmonids on the Central Coast. Should you have any questions please feel free to contact me at (707) 575-6059.

Sincerely,



Patrick J. Rutten
Southwest Region Supervisor
NOAA Restoration Center

Cc: Kate Goodnight, Project Manager

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State Coastal Conservancy
C/O Douglas Bosco, Chairman
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Oakland, CA 94612

November 14, 2008

RE: IWRP Phase 3 Letter of Support

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I am writing on behalf of the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary (MBNMS) to express our enthusiastic support for the Resource Conservation District of Santa Cruz County (RCDSCC) to implement Phase 3 of the Integrated Watershed Restoration Program (IWRP). This program will focus on three components: 1) work with local, state, and federal partners to establish a modified IWRP program in San Mateo and Monterey Counties and provide technical and financial assistance for designs and permits for 7-10 critical restoration projects in San Mateo, Santa Cruz, and Monterey Counties; 2) provide seed money to introduce the RCDSCC's Rural Roads Erosion Control Technical Assistance Program in San Mateo and Monterey Counties, conduct road assessments, and design and permit 2-4 erosion control projects; and 3) negotiate the renewal of the master permit agreements for the Permit Coordination Program in Santa Cruz County and continue support of the program as a key mechanism for permitting IWRP restoration projects.

Phase 3 of IWRP will maintain the momentum in Santa Cruz County on several remaining high priority projects, as well as introduce IWRP into neighboring San Mateo and Monterey Counties. The MBNMS boundaries stretch from the Marin Headlands to San Simeon in San Luis Obispo County. It was always our hope that this successful watershed approach would spread to all of the coastal counties bordering the sanctuary. We are very excited about the expansion of the Roads Technical Assistance Program to Monterey and San Mateo Counties. This is a strategy in our Agriculture and Rural Roads action plan that has not received sufficient attention in San Mateo and Monterey Counties. We are committed to assisting with this program in particular.

The MBNMS values its long standing partnership with the Resource Conservation Districts in Monterey, Santa Cruz and San Mateo Counties. This program is an excellent example of the ability to implement important conservation practices in a highly effective and efficient manner within the Monterey Bay Area. All of the proposed project components will serve to protect and restore coastal watersheds through coordination of restoration planning efforts. The Water Quality Protection Program fully supports the proposed IWRP Phase 3 project. Please do not hesitate to call me at (831) 647-4217 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bridget Hoover".

Bridget Hoover
Director, Water Quality Protection Program
Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary

Cc: Kate Goodnight, Project Manager





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November 5, 2008

State Coastal Conservancy
C/O Douglas Bosco, Chairman
1330 Broadway, Suite 1300
Oakland, CA 94612

SUBJECT: Support of IWRP Phase 3 Funds for Santa Cruz County Resource Conservation District

Dear Chairman Bosco:

We strongly support the Phase 3 IWRP grant for the Santa Cruz County Resource Conservation District. RCD has done a magnificent job of restoring numerous watersheds over the past 5 years. Its careful use of grant funds has allowed RCD to leverage other funding sources to these important projects. The IWRP Phase 3 will help maintain momentum in a three-county area – Santa Cruz, San Mateo and Monterey.

Of particular interest to the Port District is the great progress RCD has made in our northern watershed, Arana Gulch. The IWRP funds have assisted in design and/or construction of six restoration projects. We believe the RCD has shown itself to be a great manager of precious state funds.

Sincerely,

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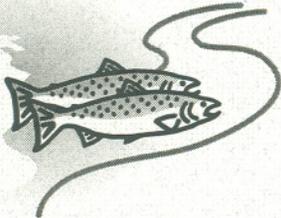
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FishNet 4C *Fishery Network of Central California Coastal Counties*

A Regional Approach to Salmonid Protection and Restoration

November 4, 2008

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RE: Integrated Watershed Restoration Program Phase 3 Letter of Support

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I am writing on behalf of FishNet 4C to express my strong support to award a grant to the Resource Conservation District of Santa Cruz County (RCDSCC) to implement Phase 3 of the Integrated Watershed Restoration Program (IWRP). FishNet 4C is a coalition of the Central California Coastal Counties of Sonoma, Marin, San Mateo, Santa Cruz and Monterey working to implement fisheries restoration projects. The IWRP project is especially exciting to us because it will expand the RCD's highly successful restoration project development and Rural Roads Erosion Control Technical Assistance Program in San Mateo and Monterey Counties. These efforts will result in designs and permits for 9 – 14 projects in these FishNet counties.

In addition, the grant will allow for the renewal of the master permit agreements for the Permit Coordination Program in Santa Cruz County and continue support of the program as a key mechanism for permitting IWRP restoration projects. This program provides an important model that can be picked up in other counties while facilitating the implementation of important restoration projects.

Phase 3 of IWRP will also maintain the momentum in Santa Cruz County on several remaining high priority projects, as well as introduce IWRP into neighboring San Mateo and Monterey Counties. Phase 3 has support from the National Marine Fisheries Service, DFG and the RWQCB by providing guidance and assistance to local watershed partners across all three counties.

The RCDSCC has a strong track record of success in identifying, developing and implementing high priority projects through IWRP and in collaboration with local partners. In addition the RCDSCC has demonstrated sound fiscal responsibility as well as expertise in project management, road assessments, landowner outreach, and partner collaboration. We urge you to continue your support for this important project, which will expand the scope of successful restoration programs into adjacent counties. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Darcy Aston
Program Director, FishNet 4C

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November 7, 2008

Douglas Bosco, Chairman
State Coastal Conservancy
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Oakland, CA 94612

RE: IWRP Phase 3 Letter of Support

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I am writing to express my support to award a grant to the Resource Conservation District of Santa Cruz County (RCDSCC) to implement Phase 3 of the Integrated Watershed Restoration Program (IWRP). As a land conservation and restoration organization in Monterey County for 30 years, The Big Sur Land Trust looks forward to this expansion of the IWRP into Monterey County. Our organization is increasingly involved with large-scale restoration and the expertise afforded by partnering with IWRP would assist in moving this important work forward in Monterey County. The partnership opportunity to work at a regional scale for restoration of the lands and waters of all of Monterey Bay is very exciting and we strongly urge your support for this important program expansion.

We understand that Phase 3 of IWRP will focus on three components: 1) work with local, state, and federal partners to introduce a modified IWRP program in San Mateo and Monterey Counties and provide technical and financial assistance for designs and permits for critical restoration projects in San Mateo, Santa Cruz, and Monterey Counties; 2) provide seed money to introduce the RCDSCC's Rural Roads Erosion Control Technical Assistance Program in San Mateo and Monterey Counties, conduct road assessments, and design and permit 2-4 erosion control projects; and 3) negotiate the renewal of the master permit agreements for the Permit Coordination Program in Santa Cruz County and continue support of the program as a key mechanism for permitting IWRP restoration projects. All of these items would be beneficial for our programs in Monterey County.

The RCDSCC has a strong track record of success in identifying, developing and implementing high priority projects through IWRP and in collaboration with local partners. We look forward to their partnership with the Monterey County RCD in broadening the training and technical capabilities for our project in our areas. The RCDSCC has demonstrated sound fiscal responsibility as well as expertise in project management, road assessments, landowner outreach, and partner collaboration, and are well suited to carry out Phase 3 of IWRP. All of the proposed project components will serve to protect and restore coastal watersheds through coordination of restoration planning efforts. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

William H. Leahy
Executive Director

Cc: Kate Goodnight, Project Manager

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RE: IWRP Phase 3 Letter of Support

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The RCDSCC has a strong track record of success in identifying, developing and implementing high priority projects through IWRP and in collaboration with local partners. This request for IWRP Phase 3 will enable the RCDSCC to train staff from the Monterey and San Mateo RCDs and provide guidance on how to conduct road-related trainings and assessments and how to oversee the preparation of designs and permits for recommended projects; 2) Introduce IWRP in San Mateo and Monterey Counties and provide financial and technical assistance to design and permit 7-10 restoration projects in San Mateo, Santa Cruz, and Monterey Counties; and 3) to



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private landowners has far exceeded expectations with 10 restoration projects completed in the first two years, 17 projects implemented in 2007, and 20 projects constructed in 2008 alone.

The RCDSCC has demonstrated sound fiscal responsibility as well as expertise in project management, road assessments, landowner outreach, and partner collaboration, and are well suited to carry out Phase 3 of IWRP. All of the proposed project components will serve to protect and restore coastal watersheds through coordination of restoration planning efforts. We have supported IWRP since its inception and support this grant request to fund IWRP Phase 3. RCDSCC has been a strong and effective partner to Watsonville Wetlands Watch and we strongly support this grant request.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Kris Beall
Executive Director
Watsonville Wetlands Watch

Cc: Kate Goodnight, Project Manager

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October 27, 2008

State Coastal Conservancy
C/O Douglas Bosco, Chairman
1330 Broadway, Ste. 1300
Oakland, CA 94612

RE: IWRP Phase 3 Letter of Support

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I am writing to express the Natural Resources Conservation Services' support to award a grant to the Resource Conservation District of Santa Cruz County (RCDSCC) to implement Phase 3 of the Integrated Watershed Restoration Program (IWRP) which will focus on three components: 1) work with local, state, and federal partners to establish a modified IWRP program in San Mateo and Monterey Counties and provide technical and financial assistance for designs and permits for 7-10 critical restoration projects in San Mateo, Santa Cruz, and Monterey Counties; 2) provide seed money to introduce the RCDSCC's Rural Roads Erosion Control Technical Assistance Program in San Mateo and Monterey Counties, conduct road assessments, and design and permit 2-4 erosion control projects; and 3) negotiate the renewal of the master permit agreements for the Permit Coordination Program in Santa Cruz County and continue support of the program as a key mechanism for permitting IWRP restoration projects.

Phase 3 of IWRP will maintain the momentum in Santa Cruz County on several remaining high priority projects, as well as introduce IWRP into neighboring San Mateo and Monterey Counties. The NRCS has utilized the IWRP partnership to help develop high priority projects and we have helped fund several IWRP projects in the past with Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program funding. We strongly support the continuation of the permit coordination program in Santa Cruz County and have committed staff time to assist in the extension of the program.

We anticipate that the extension of the IWRP into San Mateo County will accelerate ongoing area-wide planning efforts and move into the implementation phase of the recently completed Pilarcitos Creek Integrated Watershed Management Plan. The RCD of Monterey County will benefit from the expansion of the program by increasing inter-agency regulatory and funding coordination for the implementation of priority restoration projects. NRCS will provide technical support to both these efforts. The RCDSCC has fully demonstrated the benefit of the IWRP program and has the capacity to share the lessons they have learned to support the TAC and local partners to modify the IWRP model to suit local priorities in the other counties.

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In addition, we are very excited about extending the availability of the Rural Roads Technical Assistance Program to Monterey and San Mateo Counties. The NRCS has a dedicated staff Roads Hydrologist that provides technical support for the six counties that drain to the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary. We are committed to assist in the introduction of IWRP to Monterey and San Mateo Counties.

The NRCS is a long standing partner to the Resource Conservation Districts in Monterey, Santa Cruz and San Mateo Counties. IWRP Phase 3 provides needed resources to the RCDs to achieve high priority conservation in the Monterey Bay Area. All of the proposed project components will serve to protect and restore coastal watersheds through coordination of restoration planning efforts. We have supported IWRP since its inception and support this grant request to fund IWRP Phase 3. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



DANIEL C. MOUNTJOY, Ph.D.
Assistant State Conservationist for Field Operations

Cc: Kate Goodnight, Project Manager

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Arnold Schwarzenegger
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November 10, 2008

State Coastal Conservancy
C/O Douglas Bosco, Chairman
1330 Broadway, Ste. 1300
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Chairman Bosco:

SUBJECT: IWRP PHASE 3 LETTER OF SUPPORT

The Water Board would like to express our support to award a grant to the Resource Conservation District of Santa Cruz County (RCDSCC) to implement Phase 3 of the Integrated Watershed Restoration Program (IWRP). We understand the proposed Phase 3 IWRP will: 1) work with local, state, and federal partners to establish an IWRP program in San Mateo and Monterey Counties; 2) provide technical and financial assistance for project designs and permits for 7-10 critical restoration projects in San Mateo, Santa Cruz, and Monterey Counties; 3) provide seed money to introduce the RCDSCC's Rural Roads Erosion Control Technical Assistance Program in San Mateo and Monterey Counties, conduct road assessments, and design and permit 2-4 erosion control projects; and 4) negotiate the renewal of the master permit agreements for the Permit Coordination Program in Santa Cruz County and continue support of the program as a key mechanism for permitting IWRP restoration projects.

We anticipate that as proposed, the Phase 3 of IWRP will continue the Santa Cruz County efforts on high priority projects and expand IWRP into San Mateo and Monterey Counties. We have worked directly with the RCDSCC since 1995 and are familiar with their success in identifying, developing and implementing high priority projects through IWRP and in collaboration with local partners. The Water Board supports RCDSCC efforts and knows that continued efforts are necessary to protect water quality and associated beneficial uses. We encourage you to support this grant request to fund IWRP Phase 3. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Roger W. Briggs
Executive Officer

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PILARCITOS CREEK ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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State Coastal Conservancy
C/O Douglas Bosco, Chairman
1330 Broadway, Ste. 1300
Oakland, CA 94612

RE: IWRP Phase 3 Letter of Support

Dear Chairman Bosco:

As chairman of the Pilarcitos Creek Advisory Committee (Committee) I am writing to express our support and to encourage you to award a grant to the Resource Conservation District of Santa Cruz County (RCDSCC) to implement Phase 3 of their Integrated Watershed Restoration Program (IWRP).

The Pilarcitos Creek Advisory Committee (PCAC) is a watershed stakeholder organization, made up of various interest groups in the Half Moon Bay region. We were initially established (by CDFG and RWQCB Reg 2) to provide local guidance for planning of restoration projects (in conjunction with the 1996 Restoration Plan) and advice on expenditure of the "Pilarcitos Fund" in the Pilarcitos Watershed. Over the years, the Committee has included representatives from the environmental, agricultural, commercial fisheries, City of Half Moon Bay, restoration communities and local and regional water districts (CCWD, SFPUC).

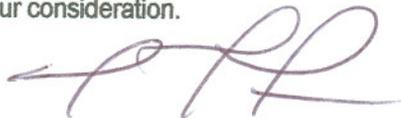
Our mission is to restore habitat conditions within the Pilarcitos Creek watershed for the native plant and animal communities and the public benefit of enhanced water quality. Our diverse interest stakeholder group, advocates for balanced approaches and collaborative solutions which will lead to our goals of watershed restoration.

It is our understanding, that the RCDSCC Phase 3 IWRP would continue to build on their successful program within Santa Cruz Co, but would also the extend the program into San Mateo County, offering technical and permitting expertise for a small number of selected restoration projects in our County. Additionally, this award would introduce the RCDSCC's Rural Roads Erosion Control Technical Assistance Program in San Mateo County, conduct road assessments, and design and permit 2-4 erosion control projects.

The RCDSCC efforts and the opportunities provided by this grant could be used to facilitate important restoration and erosion control projects within the Pilarcitos watershed, thereby assisting to achieve the goals of the PCAC. While we believe in community based solutions to resource concerns we also recognize that this award of grant would serve to protect and restore coastal watersheds through coordination of restoration planning efforts and we endorse it.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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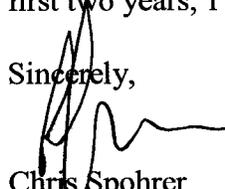
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Sincerely,



Chris Spohrer
District Resource Ecologist

Cc: Kate Goodnight, Project Manager