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Mr. Douglas Bosco

Chair

California Coastal Conservancy

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Oakland, California 94612

**Subject: Support for Grant Funding for Restoration of Buena Vista Lagoon
Ecological Reserve, San Diego County**

Dear Mr. Bosco:

The California Department of Fish and Game (Department) respectfully requests the California Coastal Conservancy (Conservancy) to authorize allocation of \$600,000 towards the preparation of preliminary engineering design documents to support the restoration of Buena Vista Lagoon. Buena Vista Lagoon was the state's first designated Ecological Reserve and is preserved and managed by the Department to benefit sensitive species, wildlife and their habitats.

The Department, Conservancy, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and other agencies and interest groups have been working together to develop plans to restore this lagoon in northern San Diego County. The Conservancy has contributed critical funding and expertise that has enabled this project to proceed. Other entities have also provided funding and support. As you may be aware, a failed pipe led to a massive sewage spill into the lagoon in March 2007. As a condition of settlement agreements for the spill, \$500,000 was allocated for a portion of the studies needed to further the restoration plan. However, additional funding is needed to complete all necessary studies and to enable the project to progress to the next step of producing a comprehensive lagoon restoration plan for analysis and public circulation. We encourage the Conservancy to consider this project of the highest priority.

We appreciate the California Coastal Conservancy's efforts and support to date on this project. We look forward to working with you and Conservancy staff towards the goal of a restored Buena Vista Lagoon. If you have any further questions, please contact me at the letterhead address, or by telephone at (858) 467-4210 or by fax at (858) 467-4299.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Theresa A. Stewart".

for
Theresa A. Stewart
Supervising Biologist
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cc: Lands Chron File