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January 21, 2009

Mr. Doug Bosco, Chair
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th floor
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

Re: Support for Lower Redwood Creek Restoration Project

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I am writing to express my support for Coastal Conservancy funding of the Lower Redwood Creek Restoration project at Muir Beach.

This project will restore the natural creek and wetland function at the mouth of the Redwood Creek Watershed, one of Marin County's most well-known natural areas due in large part to its close proximity to Muir Woods National Monument. The restoration of wetlands and riparian habitats at Redwood Creek promises to be a successful project that will benefit threatened and endangered species, including coho salmon, steelhead, and California red-legged frog, as well as diverse populations of migratory songbirds, waterfowl, shorebirds, and waders.

The need for restoration in the coastal wetland and the lower reach of Redwood Creek is well established through a long history of analyses and public concern. Recent conceptual planning, public outreach, and environmental compliance have led to a well-analyzed set of proposed actions and the momentum to implement them to restore the wetlands and riparian habitats in much of the Redwood Creek watershed. The project will also benefit visitors to Muir Beach and residents of the community through improved flood control, and it will provide wonderful opportunities for volunteer stewardship and environmental education.

Thank you for your consideration of this important project.

Sincerely,

JARED HUFFMAN
Assemblymember, 6th District

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California State Senate

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SENATOR
MARK LENO
THIRD SENATE DISTRICT



January 22, 2009

Mr. Doug Bosco, Chair
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th floor
Oakland CA 94612-2530

Dear Chairman Bosco,

I am writing to express my support for funding for the Lower Redwood Creek Restoration project at Muir Beach. This project will restore the natural creek and wetland function at the mouth of the Redwood Creek Watershed. The restoration of wetlands and riparian habitats at Redwood Creek promises to be a successful project that will benefit threatened and endangered species, including coho salmon, steelhead, and California red-legged frog, as well as diverse populations of migratory songbirds, waterfowl, shorebirds, and waders.

I am proud to represent a district that places a high importance on maintaining and protecting its ecological balance. There has been a well established need for restoration in the coastal wetland and lower reach of Redwood Creek. In addition to the restoration of the wetlands and riparian habitats in much of the Redwood Creek Watershed, this project will also benefit visitors to Muir Beach and residents of the community through improved flood control and will provide wonderful opportunities for volunteer stewardship and environmental education.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to working with you in the future. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office at (415) 479-6612.

Sincerely,

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MARK LENO
Senator, 3rd District

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24 January 2009

Mr. Doug Bosco, Chair
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th floor
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

Re: Support for Lower Redwood Creek Restoration Project

Dear Chairman Bosco:

On behalf of the Salmon Protection And Watershed Network (SPAWN), I write to express my support for Coastal Conservancy funding of the Lower Redwood Creek Restoration project at Muir Beach.

This project is important. It will restore the natural creek and wetland function at the mouth of the Redwood Creek Watershed, one of Marin County's most well known natural areas due to the upstream attraction of Muir Woods National Monument.

The restoration of wetlands and riparian habitats at Redwood Creek promises to be a successful project that will benefit threatened and endangered species, including coho salmon, steelhead, and California red-legged frog, as well as diverse populations of migratory songbirds, waterfowl, shorebirds, and waders.

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Thank you for considering providing support for this important project.

Sincerely,

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Todd Steiner
Director

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OAKLAND, CALIF.



February 3, 2009

Mr. Doug Bosco, Chair
California Coastal Conservancy
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Oakland, CA 94612-2530

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Re: Support for Lower Redwood Creek Restoration Project

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I am writing on behalf of San Francisco Bay Joint Venture (SFBJV) to express my support for Coastal Conservancy funding of the Lower Redwood Creek Restoration project at Muir Beach.

The SFBJV is a partnership of non-governmental organizations, utilities, landowners, and non-voting agencies that have established a collective goal to acquire, restore and enhance 200,000 acres of wetlands on San Francisco Bay and on the coasts of San Mateo, Marin, and Sonoma Counties to benefit birds, fish and other wildlife. The San Francisco Bay Joint Venture is one of the fourteen wetland habitat Joint Ventures operating under the certification of the North American Waterfowl Management Plan, a Congressional agreement between the United States, Canada, and Mexico.

The proposed project will restore the natural creek and wetland function at the mouth of the Redwood Creek Watershed, one of Marin County's most well known natural areas due to the upstream attraction of Muir Woods National Monument. The restoration of wetlands and riparian habitats at Redwood Creek promises to be a successful project that will benefit threatened and endangered species, including coho salmon, steelhead, and California red-legged frog, as well as diverse populations of migratory songbirds, waterfowl, shorebirds, and waders.

Already the US Fish & Wildlife Service has acknowledged the habitat values of Lower Redwood Creek by approving federal Coastal Wetlands and North American Wetlands Conservation Act funding that may be considered as matching funds for this request.

Thank you for considering providing support for this important project. If you have questions about the SFBJV or our support for this project, please contact our Coordinator, Beth Huning.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Diane Ross-Leech".

Diane Ross-Leech
Vice Chair

Ex-Officio Members:

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Mr. Doug Bosco, Chair
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th floor
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

Re: Support for Lower Redwood Creek Restoration Project

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I am writing on behalf of PRBO Conservation Science to express my support for Coastal Conservancy funding of the Lower Redwood Creek Restoration project at Muir Beach.

PRBO Conservation Science (PRBO) was founded as Point Reyes Bird Observatory in 1965 and is now headquartered at our new 20,000 square foot San Francisco Bay Research Center in Petaluma, California. PRBO is dedicated to advancing conservation through bird and ecosystem research in California and from Alaska to Antarctica, on land and sea.

PRBO has a long history of studying resident and Neotropical migrant birds in the Redwood Creek Watershed and we are aware of the value of its habitat. We'd like to offer our support for the proposed Coastal Redwood Creek Restoration Project, which will restore the function of the coastal ecosystem and extend riparian habitat. As a member of the Riparian Habitat Joint Venture, we recognize that this project follows numerous restoration recommendations in the Partners in Flight Riparian Bird Conservation Plan. This project will help in meeting regional and statewide goals for habitat conservation and restoration.

Please contact me if you have any questions at 415-868-0655, ext. 381 or tgardali@prbo.org

Thank you for considering providing support for this important project.

Sincerely,

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Thomas Gardali
Senior Scientist, Associate Director
Terrestrial Ecology Division



State of California - The Resources Agency

Arnold Schwarzenegger, Governor

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

Ruth Coleman, Director

Marin District
845 Casa Grande Road
Petaluma, CA 94954

February 5, 2009

Mr. Doug Bosco, Chair
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th floor
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

Dear Mr. Bosco:

California State Parks support Coastal Conservancy funding of the Lower Redwood Creek Restoration project by the Golden Gate National Recreation Area at Muir Beach. California State Parks manages Mount Tamalpais State Park which includes portions of the Redwood Creek Watershed near the project site. This project has been a long-term vision of land managers in the Redwood Creek Watershed. The restoration will complement California State Parks values, enhance the natural resources of the area, benefit the natural populations of the area including threatened and endangered species, and demonstrates high quality environmental stewardship.

Sincerely,

Danita Rodriguez
District Superintendent (Acting)
Marin District
California State Parks



DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

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February 11, 2009

Mr. Doug Bosco, Chairman
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

Dear Chairman Bosco:

Subject: Support for National Park Service – Golden Gate National Recreation Area
Proposal, Lower Redwood Creek Restoration Project, Marin County

This letter is to indicate support on behalf of the California Department of Fish and Game (DFG) for State Coastal Conservancy funding for the Lower Redwood Creek Restoration project at Muir Beach in Marin County, California. The goal of this project is to restore the natural creek and wetland function at the mouth of the Redwood Creek Watershed. The restoration of wetland and riparian habitats is essential to the recovery of threatened and endangered salmonid species, specifically, coho salmon and steelhead trout, California red-legged frog and a host of other native terrestrial species.

Additionally, the project will provide benefit to Muir Beach visitors and residents of the local community through improved flood control, volunteer stewardship and environmental education.

The need for restoration in the coastal wetland and lower reach of Redwood Creek is well documented from a long history of assessments and analyses conducted by the National Park Service. In recent years, DFG funded the restoration design for salmonid habitat restoration in the lower reaches resulting in restoration of floodplain connection, riparian corridors, pool habitat and enhancement of instream shelter for coho and steelhead. DFG is currently providing nearly One Million Dollars for the restoration of Big Lagoon, through its Fisheries Restoration Grants Program; however, additional funding is needed to meet all the restoration goals as identified in the proposal.

Thank you for your consideration of this vital project. Should you have any questions, please contact Gail Seymour, Associate Fisheries Biologist, at (707) 299-9299; or Bob Coey, Senior Fisheries Biologist, at (707) 944-5582.

Sincerely,

Charles Armor
Regional Manager
Bay Delta Region

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COASTAL CONSERVANCY
OAKLAND, CALIF.



January 15, 2009

Mr. Doug Bosco, Chair
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th floor
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

Re: Support for Lower Redwood Creek Restoration Project

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I am writing on behalf of Marin County to express my strong support for Coastal Conservancy funding of the Lower Redwood Creek Restoration project at Muir Beach. This project will restore the natural creek and wetland function at the mouth of the Redwood Creek Watershed, one of Marin County's most well known natural areas due to the upstream attraction of Muir Woods National Monument. The restoration of wetlands and riparian habitats at Redwood Creek promises to be a successful project that will benefit threatened and endangered species, including coho salmon, steelhead, and California red-legged frog, as well as diverse populations of migratory songbirds, waterfowl, shorebirds, and waders.

The need for restoration in the coastal wetland and lower reach of Redwood Creek is well established through a long history of analyses and public concern. Recent conceptual planning, public outreach, and environmental compliance have led to a well analyzed set of proposed actions and the momentum to implement them to restore the wetlands and riparian habitats in much of the Redwood Creek watershed. The project will also benefit visitors to Muir Beach and residents of the community through improved flood control, and will provide wonderful opportunities for volunteer stewardship and environmental education.

Because of the importance of this watershed and restoration effort, the County of Marin has been an active partner in this project, working to replace the Pacific Way Bridge located within the restoration area. I enthusiastically urge the Conservancy to sustain the momentum of this partnership by providing funding at the highest possible level.

Sincerely,

Steve Kinsey
Supervisor, District Four