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**NOREEN EVANS**  
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February 22, 2011

Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chair  
California Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13 Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612



**RE: Support for Retrofit of Zinfandel Lane Fish Passage Barrier, Napa County, California**

Dear Mr. Bosco:

I am writing to express my support for the application submitted by the County of Napa Public Works Department for grant funding through the Coastal Conservancy San Francisco Bay Area Program to retrofit Zinfandel Lane Bridge, south of the City of St. Helena, to address a critical fish passage barrier.

The proposed project will repair a fish passage barrier on the Napa River at Zinfandel Lane Bridge, located south of the City of St. Helena. The barrier is a severe impediment to fish passage and currently blocks approximately 50% of suitable anadromous fisheries stream habitat within the Napa River watershed, a watershed which is considered an "anchor watershed" in the San Francisco Bay Area for steelhead and has been ranked as having the highest restoration potential in regional studies conducted by the California Coastal Conservancy (CEMAR, 2007). Repair of the barrier, through retrofit, will provide immediate access to approximately 90 miles of stream habitat, corresponding to a watershed area of 81.96 square miles or 19.2% of the entire Napa River drainage. The project will have immediate benefits for Chinook salmon and threatened steelhead and will also benefit approximately fourteen other native freshwater fish species, including Pacific and river lamprey, hardhead, hitch, and tule perch (Leidy, 1997).

In addition to my support, I know that there is strong community support for this project and I applaud Napa County for their effort and commitment of funds to repair this site for the benefit of creating a "living river." The project will be beneficial to the health of the Napa River watershed, the larger San Francisco Bay Area, and to the 2<sup>nd</sup> District. I support the proposed project and encourage your favorable review.

Very Truly Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Noreen M. Evans".

NOREEN EVANS  
Senator, 2<sup>nd</sup> District

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## Assembly California Legislature



MICHAEL ALLEN  
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January 27, 2011

Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chair  
California Coastal Conservancy  
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Oakland, CA 94612

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In addition to my support, I know that there is strong community support for this project and I applaud Napa County for their effort and commitment of funds to repair this site for the benefit of creating a "living river." The project will be beneficial to the health of the Napa River watershed, the larger San Francisco Bay Area, and to the 7<sup>th</sup> District. I support the proposed project and encourage your favorable review.

Very Truly Yours,

MICHAEL ALLEN  
Assemblymember, 7<sup>th</sup> District

cc: Amy Hutzler, California Coastal Conservancy  
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# Friends of the Napa River

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California Coastal Conservancy  
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**RE: Friends of the Napa River Supports Retrofit of Zinfandel Lane Bridge for Fish Passage, Napa County, California**

Dear Mr. Bosco:

On behalf of the Friends of the Napa River, I am writing to express our support for the application submitted by the County of Napa Public Works Department for grant funding through the Coastal Conservancy San Francisco Bay Area Program to retrofit Zinfandel Lane Bridge, south of the City of St. Helena, to address a critical fish passage barrier on the Napa River.

The **Friends of the Napa River** is a nonprofit community organization dedicated to the restoration, protection and celebration of the Napa River and its watershed. Friends is a diverse group, providing the community's voice for a healthy river that has been neglected too long. We are actively involved in addressing different concerns about the Napa River such as boating, fishing, flooding, watershed protection, trails, festivals, and riverfront development.

Retrofit of the Zinfandel Lane Bridge for fish passage will address a critical barrier on the Napa River at Zinfandel Lane Bridge, located south of the City of St. Helena. The barrier is a severe impediment to fish passage. Repair of the barrier, through retrofit, will provide immediate access to approximately 90 miles of stream habitat, corresponding to a watershed area of 82 square miles or 19% of the entire Napa River drainage. The project will have immediate benefits for Chinook salmon and threatened steelhead and will also benefit approximately fourteen other native freshwater fish species, including Pacific and river lamprey, hardhead, hitch, and tule perch (Leidy, 1997).

I applaud Napa County for their effort and commitment of funds to repair this site for the benefit of creating a "living river." The project will be beneficial to the health of the Napa River watershed and our community; I urge your favorable review of the proposed project.

Sincerely,



Bernhard Krevet,  
President, Friends of the Napa River

cc: Amy Hutzel, California Coastal Conservancy (ahutzel@scc.ca.gov)  
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# RUTHERFORD DUST SOCIETY

NAPA VALLEY

January 18, 2011

Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chair  
California Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13 Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612

**RE: Rutherford Dust Society Supports Retrofit of Zinfandel Lane Bridge for Fish Passage, Napa County, California**

Dear Mr. Bosco:

On behalf of the Rutherford Dust Society, a viticultural industry organization which was founded in 1994 in tribute to the legacy of grape growing and winemaking in the Rutherford Viticultural Area, I am writing to express our support for implementation of a project to retrofit Zinfandel Lane Bridge to address a critical fish passage barrier on the Napa River.

The **Rutherford Dust Society**, through the commitment of our landowner members and support of our committee the Rutherford Dust Restoration Team (RDRT), is leading an effort to manage and restore the Napa River through Rutherford. This large scale planning and restoration effort was initiated in 2002 and will improve a 4.5 mile reach of the Napa River from Zinfandel Lane Bridge in the north to Oakville Cross Road in the south. The Rutherford Dust Society and RDRT have pioneered an innovative partnership with Napa County and other public agencies to complete planning and design and restoration implementation was initiated in 2009. Our members understand the importance of a living river and have generously rededicated over 18 acres of productive vineyard for the benefit of the Napa River corridor and its ecological health. Zinfandel Lane Bridge is at the north end of our restoration project and we consider retrofit of the bridge to allow for fish passage an integral part of our private-public partnership to restore the Napa River.

We appreciate our partnership with Napa County to restore the Napa River through Rutherford and to retrofit Zinfandel Lane Bridge for the benefit of creating a "living river." The project will be beneficial to the health of the Napa River watershed and it will expand the benefits of our restoration project. We urge your favorable review.

Sincerely,

Robin Baggett, President  
Rutherford Dust Society

cc: Amy Hutzal, California Coastal Conservancy (ahutzal@scc.ca.gov)  
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January 27, 2011

Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chair  
California Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612

Subject: Support for Zinfandel Lane Bridge Fish Passage Project, Napa River

Dear Chairman Bosco:

It is my pleasure to support Napa County's application to the Coastal Conservancy to retrofit the Zinfandel Lane Bridge on the Napa River to address a critical barrier to migration of Chinook salmon and steelhead trout. The proposed project would restore access to 90 miles of suitable habitat for steelhead and Chinook salmon. At present, the Napa River watershed likely supports the largest remaining steelhead population in any watershed draining directly into San Francisco Bay (Leidy et al, 2005; Leidy, 2008). Also, in recent years, the Chinook salmon population has been notable, and as large as any documented within the Bay Area. The proposed project would aid conservation of these regionally significant salmonid runs.

We expect the project would increase access to suitable spawning and rearing habitat by approximately 50 percent. Therefore, it could contribute to significant increases in the size of the steelhead and Chinook salmon runs. The project also will provide benefits to fourteen other native fish species including Pacific and river lamprey, hardhead, hitch, and tule perch (Leidy, 1997). The native fish assemblage of the Napa River watershed is unusually diverse, matched only in a few other watersheds in California (Leidy, 2007).

Finally, the project has my support because I know it has strong community support. Thank you very much for the opportunity to comment. I appreciate your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Mike Napolitano  
San Francisco Bay Water Quality Board

cc: Amy Hutzler and Sam Jenniches, California Coastal Conservancy  
Rick Thomasser, Napa County Public Works Department