

## Exhibit 4: Project Letters

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 BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE #4  
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 AND WATER  
 JOINT COMMITTEE ON  
 FISHERIES & AQUACULTURE  
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May 10, 2011

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Douglas Bosco, Chairman  
 California State Coastal Conservancy  
 Attn: Michael Bowen  
 1330 Broadway, Suite 1300  
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**Re: Support for Salt River Ecosystem Restoration Project, Humboldt County**

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I am writing in support of the Humboldt County Resource Conservation District's (RCD) application for funding of the *Salt River Ecosystem Restoration Project*.

The restoration of former tidal marsh and estuarine wetlands on the lower Eel River is a critical component to aid in the recovery of lost ecosystem functions and values of California's northern coast. The tremendous fish and wildlife habitat benefits of the completed project will help to sustain and recover waterfowl, shorebirds, and fishery resources within the Salt River watershed and lower Eel River delta.

The RCD has demonstrated a longstanding commitment to the project. In concert with the County of Humboldt, and many other partners, the RCD and the Coastal Conservancy have since 1990 cooperated to bring this project to fruition. In order to achieve project success, and utilize the significant implementation funding they have attracted for the project, the RCD must begin construction next year.

I urge the Coastal Conservancy to support this important resource conservation project by approving the necessary funding. Please contact Zuretti Goosby in my Eureka District Office (707-445-6508) if you have any questions or need further assistance.

Sincerely,

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

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The project also will greatly reduce the duration of flooding in the area. The loss of the Salt River channel has led to significant flooding problems that impose severe economic burdens on farmers and residents. In this sense, the Salt River Ecosystem Restoration Project will be a win-win for the environment and agriculture.

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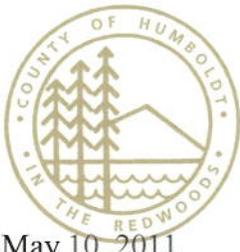
That said, this request comes with some urgency. In order to achieve project success, and utilize the significant implementation funding they have attracted for the project, the RCD must begin construction next year. I strongly urge the approval of this funding to ensure the timely implementation of this project.

Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Wesley Chesbro", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

WESLEY CHESBRO  
Assemblyman, 1<sup>st</sup> District



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
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May 10, 2011

Douglas H. Bosco, Chairman  
State Coastal Conservancy  
Attn: Michael Bowen  
1330 Broadway, 13<sup>th</sup> Floor  
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RE Support for Salt River Ecosystem Restoration Project, Humboldt County

Dear Mr. Bosco:

The Humboldt County Board of Supervisors is writing to convey strong support for the Humboldt County Resource Conservation District's application for additional funding of the Salt River Ecosystem Restoration Project, located in the resource-rich Ferndale Valley.

The Salt River watershed has been indentified at a regional and state-wide level to have high priority for restoration due to the significant potential benefits for salmonids and other aquatic species. Although heavily sediment-impaired and having degraded riparian areas, the watershed's close proximity to the Eel River estuary and relatively low level of development represents a singular opportunity for coastal watershed restoration. The loss of the Salt River channel through sedimentation has led to significant flooding problems which impose severe economic burdens on farmers and residents in the project area, as well as adversely affecting fish migration and the city's wastewater treatment plant. Thus, the Salt River Ecosystem Restoration Project will deliver substantial benefits for the environment, agriculture, public infrastructure, and the local community.

The Salt River project is a collaborative effort between private landowners, non-profit organizations, and local, state and federal agencies. This project is distinctive for the scale of the restoration, the complexity of the issues, and its commitment to being community-and-partnership based. Our county supervisor for that district, Jimmy Smith, has been involved from the beginning to help develop the vision for restoration of Salt River and to support the relationships between the various project partners. Due to the complexity and scale of this project, we respectfully request your consideration for additional funding to allow completion of the design and permitting and to supplement implementation funds already secured from other sources.

We look forward to continuing to work with the State Coastal Conservancy, Humboldt County Resource Conservation District, and the other partnering agencies and private landowners on this project, and we very much appreciate the Conservancy's support for this tremendous restoration opportunity.

Sincerely,

Mark Lovelace, Chair  
Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

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OAKLAND, CALIF.



May 6, 2011

Douglas Bosco, Chairman  
California State Coastal Conservancy  
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Please do not hesitate to contact me at 707-786-4224 if you have any questions or require any additional information.

Sincerely yours,



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City of Ferndale



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May 5, 2011

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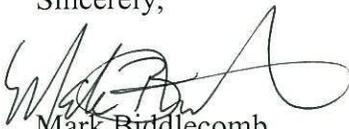
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Ducks Unlimited is an active partner with the HCRCD for the planning and funding of the Salt River Ecosystem Restoration Project. The restoration of former tidal marshes and estuarine wetlands on the lower Eel River is a critical component to aid in the recovery of lost ecosystem functions and values, improve flood conveyance, and recover private agricultural lands. Ducks Unlimited has worked closely with the project planning team to guide development of the first phase of the project at Riverside Ranch and has acquired funding from multiple sources to support final planning efforts and ultimately project implementation.

The project is a highly complex undertaking that has been planned for several decades. In order to achieve project success and utilize the significant implementation funding that has been brought together, the project must begin construction next year. I urge you to provide the necessary funding to ensure meeting this construction window and ultimately the successful implementation of this important project.

Please do not hesitate to contact Jeff McCreary of my staff at 916-852-2000 if you have any questions or require any additional information.

Sincerely,



Mark Biddlecomb  
Director