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Douglas Bosco, Chairman
State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 11th Floor
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Dear Chairman Bosco:

I am writing you to demonstrate my support for the Green Valley Creek Coho Habitat Enhancement Design proposal, submitted to the State Coastal Conservancy by the Gold Ridge Resource Conservation District. Green Valley Creek is a tributary of the lower Russian River, and is considered to be an invaluable coho salmon spawning and rearing stream.

It is my understanding that the Gold Ridge RCD, in partnership with the California Department of Fish and Game and the Sonoma County Water Agency, will be undertaking project design, engineering and implementation work with the goal of improving instream conditions for coho salmon at two locations along the mainstem of Green Valley Creek.

At the first project site, rapid aggradation of the stream channel has resulted in a loss of summer streamflow in a critical coho salmon spawning and rearing area. This aggradation also triggers frequent winter flooding of Green Valley Road and the neighboring Korbel Vineyard. This flooding creates dangerous road conditions and is believed to cause salmon stranding and mortality. The proposed project aims to evaluate the likely causes of these problems and to design an effective and robust solution, with the goal of implementing the design immediately thereafter.

At the second project site, coho habitat has been degraded over time as a result of historical land use changes. The goal of this project is to re-establish complex off-channel habitat, which will provide juvenile coho with refuge areas during high flow events, as well as establish high-quality rearing areas. The proposal requests funding for project design, again with the goal of implementing the project as soon as possible.

With coho salmon populations at critically low levels, it is important that these projects are undertaken in a timely manner. I urge you to give this application your full and careful consideration.

Sincerely,

Noreen Evans
Senator, 2nd District

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CC: Gold Ridge RCD, PO Box 1064, Occidental, CA 95465

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August 15, 2011

State Coastal Conservancy
Attn: Douglas Bosco, Chairman
1330 Broadway, 11th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Chairman Bosco,

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for the Green Valley Creek Coho Habitat Enhancement Design proposal, submitted to the State Coastal Conservancy by the Gold Ridge Resource Conservation District. Green Valley Creek is a tributary of the lower Russian River, and is considered to be an invaluable coho salmon spawning and rearing stream.

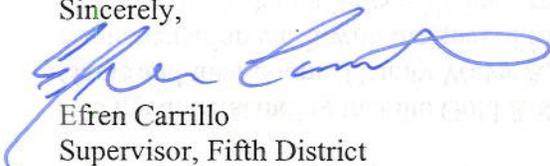
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At the second project site, coho habitat has been degraded over time as a result of historical land use changes. The goal of this project is to re-establish complex off-channel habitat, which will provide juvenile coho with refuge areas during high flow events, as well as establish high-quality rearing areas. The proposal requests funding for project design, with the goal of implementing the project as soon as possible.

It is critical these projects are implemented, and I urge you to give this application your full and careful consideration and support.

Sincerely,


Efren Carrillo
Supervisor, Fifth District

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Southwest Region
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August 18, 2011

State Coastal Conservancy
Attn: Douglas Bosco, Chairman
1330 Broadway, 11th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Chairman Bosco,

This letter is to indicate the NOAA Restoration Center's support for the Green Valley Creek Coho Habitat Enhancement Design Proposal, submitted to the State Coastal Conservancy by the Gold Ridge Resource Conservation District. This project seeks to address summer low flows and winter flooding problems, and the restoration of juvenile Coho salmon habitat in Green Valley Creek, a tributary of the lower Russian River.

We understand that the Gold Ridge RCD, in partnership with the California Department of Fish and Game, and the Sonoma County Water Agency, will undertake project design, engineering, and implementation with the goal of improving instream Coho salmon habitat at two locations in Green Valley Creek.

At the first project site, excess accumulated gravel in the stream channel has resulted in summer flows going sub-surface in this critical Coho salmon spawning and rearing area. The accumulated gravel also causes frequent winter flooding of Green Valley Road and the neighboring Korbel Vineyard. The flooding creates dangerous road conditions and is likely causing Coho salmon to strand and die. The proposed project plans to evaluate, design, and implement an effective solution to the winter flooding and summer low flow problem resulting from the accumulated gravels.

At the second project site, Coho habitat has degraded over time from local land use changes. The goal of this project is to re-establish complex off-channel habitat, which will provide juvenile Coho with refuge areas during high flow events, as well as establish high-quality rearing areas. The proposal requests funding for project design, again with the goal of implementing the project as soon as possible.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Joe Pecharich 707-575-6095, or myself 707-575-6059.

Sincerely,

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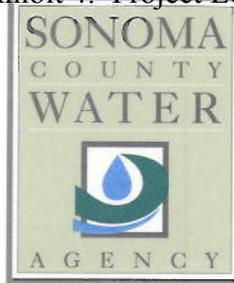
Patrick J. Rutten
Southwest Region Supervisor
NOAA Restoration Center

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CF/40-11-21 Gold Ridge RCD (Agree for Funding of
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August 15, 2011

Douglas Bosco, Chairman
State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 11th Floor
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**RE: LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR GREEN VALLEY CREEK COHO HABITAT ENHANCEMENT
DESIGN PROPOSAL**

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I am writing to express my support for the Green Valley Creek Coho Habitat Enhancement Design proposal, submitted to the State Coastal Conservancy by the Gold Ridge Resource Conservation District. Green Valley Creek is a tributary of the lower Russian River, and is considered to be a valuable coho salmon spawning and rearing stream.

The Gold Ridge RCD, in partnership with the California Department of Fish and Game and the Sonoma County Water Agency (Water Agency), will be undertaking project design, engineering, and implementation work with the goal of improving instream conditions for coho salmon at two locations along the mainstem of Green Valley Creek.

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We appreciate your consideration of these projects

Sincerely,

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Grant Davis
General Manager

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c: John Green, Gold Ridge Resource Conservation District, PO Box 1064, Occidental, CA 95465

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Exhibit 4: Project Letters



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It is critical these projects are implemented in a timely manner, and I therefore urge you to give this application your full and careful consideration.

Sincerely,

Brian Stranko
North and Central Coast Regional Director

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