



**Loni Hancock** SENATOR, NINTH DISTRICT

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October 21, 2011

Douglas Bosco, Chair  
State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, Suite. 1300  
Oakland, CA 94612

RE: Funding Request for Elements of the Stream Management Master Plan Update

Dear Mr. Bosco:

I am writing this letter of support for the Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, Zone 7 grant application submitted to the California State Coastal Conservancy.

Zone 7 provides a multi-benefit program that was developed to fulfill stream management goals and is applying for this grant to help fund a study to analyze stream health indicators (such as bird, fish and benthic organism populations) in the Livermore-Amador Valley region. This analysis will address issues related to habitat, water supply, water quality, trails, recreation and public education and broaden the scope of their work. It will be included in the latest Stream Management Master Plan (SMMP).

The projects that are being re-evaluated will take into account the latest hydrology/hydraulic information as well as more recent environmental concerns and species considerations. For example, several large modeling and/or sediment analysis projects have been initiated by Zone 7 and others, which may influence the relative importance of some projects. In addition, enhancement of steelhead habitat in the Alameda Creek watershed has become a prominent goal of National Marine Fisheries Service in recent years, and may influence the relative importance of Zone 7 projects. Its work to update the master plan will engage regulatory agencies and stakeholders from across the watershed in a collaborative process.

A study of this magnitude will require additional financial resources to conduct research. With multiple interests and jurisdictions, a varied landscape (urban/rural/industrial/agricultural) across a large watershed, stricter environmental regulations, and limited resources in this challenging economy, a concerted and cooperative approach to updating the SMMP is important to ensure future project successes.

I am happy to say that Zone 7 has begun working with Regional Water Quality Control Board, the National Marine Fisheries Service, the Department of Fish and Game, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Alameda Creek Alliance and Friends of the Arroyos. Furthermore, Zone 7 has been working with the Arroyo De La Laguna Collaborative consisting of representatives from Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District-west, the San Francisco Public Utilities and the cities of Dublin, Livermore, Pleasanton and San Ramon and Contra Costa County, to name a few.

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For these reasons, I urge you to consider the Zone 7 grant application to help fund additional research to update the SMMP, ensuring that future implementation of stream projects will include the best environmental science and engineering.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office at (510) 286-1333.

Sincerely,

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LONI HANCOCK  
California State Senator

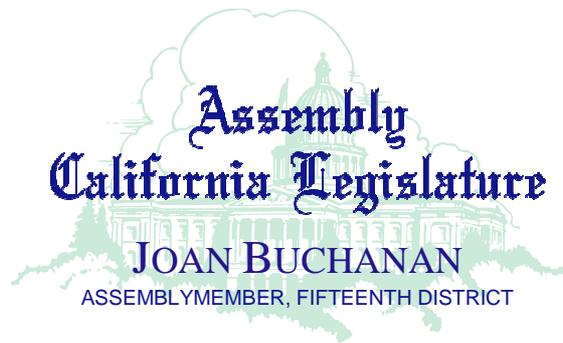
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cc: Melanie Denninger, California State Coastal Conservancy  
Boni Brewer, Zone 7 Water Agency

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October 11, 2011

Douglas Bosco, Chair  
State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, Suite. 1300  
Oakland, CA 94612

RE: Funding Request for Elements of the Stream Management Master Plan Update

Dear Mr. Bosco,

I am pleased to support Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, Zone 7 (Zone 7 Water Agency) in its efforts to manage the Alameda Creek Watershed within its jurisdiction and to collaborate with adjacent districts.

The goal of the Stream Management Master Plan (SMMP) is to provide flood protection for the residents and businesses of the Livermore-Amador Valley in an environmentally sensitive manner by examining the stream system as a whole, while also identifying specific projects for implementation. It is a multi-benefit program that was developed to fulfill stream management goals and objectives of Zone 7 and other local and regional agencies and stakeholders.

The projects identified in the 2006 SMMP are being re-evaluated to take into account the latest hydrology/hydraulic information as well as more recent environmental concerns and species considerations. For example, several large modeling and/or sediment analysis projects have been initiated by Zone 7 and others, which may influence the relative importance of some projects. In addition, enhancement of steelhead habitat in the Alameda Creek watershed has become a prominent goal of National Marine Fisheries Service in recent years, which may influence the relative importance of other projects. While all projects in the 2006 SMMP have merit, updating and re-prioritizing the list is necessary to ensure that dollars are spent effectively and on projects critical to the broader goals of the watershed.

This master plan update will engage regulatory agencies and stakeholders from across the watershed. The importance of bringing all stakeholders to the table to engage in a collaborative process cannot be overstated; Zone 7 owns and maintains about one-third of the channels in the Valley, with the other two-thirds being owned by the cities or other landowners, including many in the 15<sup>th</sup> Assembly District. With multiple interests and jurisdictions, a varied landscape (urban/rural/industrial/agricultural) across a large watershed, stricter environmental regulations, and limited resources in this challenging economy, a concerted and cooperative approach to updating the SMMP is important to ensure future project successes.

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If you have any questions, please contact my capitol office at 916-319-2015.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joan Buchanan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Joan Buchanan  
Assemblymember, 15<sup>th</sup> District

cc: Melanie Denninger, California State Coastal Conservancy  
Boni Brewer, Zone 7 Water Agency



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October 14, 2011

Douglas Bosco, Chair  
State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, Suite. 1300  
Oakland, CA 94612

Subject: Funding Request for Elements of the Stream Management Master Plan Update

Dear Mr. Bosco,

Alameda County Water District (ACWD) is pleased to support Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, Zone 7 (Zone 7 Water Agency) in their efforts to manage the Alameda Creek Watershed within their jurisdiction and to collaborate with adjacent districts.

The goal of Zone 7's Stream Management Master Plan (SMMP) is to provide flood protection for the residents of the Livermore-Amador Valley in an environmentally sensitive manner by examining the stream system as a whole, while also identifying specific projects for implementation. The projects identified in the 2006 SMMP are being re-evaluated to take into account the latest hydrology/hydraulic information as well as more recent environmental concerns and species considerations. ACWD is supportive of the collaborative approach that Zone 7 is proposing to take to update this master plan, in particular due to all of the new information and projects that have been developed throughout the watershed since 2006, and given our own commitments to the restoration of steelhead to the Alameda Creek watershed in coordination with other watershed stakeholders.

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Sincerely,

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Steve Peterson  
Manager of Operations & Maintenance

cc: Melanie Denninger, California State Coastal Conservancy  
Carol Mahoney, Zone 7 Water Agency



October 14, 2011

Douglas Bosco, Chair  
State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, Suite. 1300  
Oakland, CA 94612

RE: Funding Request for Elements of the Stream Management Master Plan Update

Dear Mr. Bosco,

The City of Livermore is pleased to support Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, Zone 7 (Zone 7 Water Agency) in their efforts to manage the Alameda Creek Watershed within their jurisdiction and to collaborate with adjacent districts.

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If you have any questions, please contact Pamela Lung at 925-960-4538 or [pglung@ci.livermore.ca.us](mailto:pglung@ci.livermore.ca.us).

Sincerely,

*Michael Savolien; Acting City Engineer*

for: Cheri Sheets  
City Engineer

cc: Melanie Denninger, California State Coastal Conservancy  
Carol Mahoney, Zone 7 Water Agency  
Pamela Lung, City of Livermore

THE CITY OF



October 17, 2011

Douglas Bosco, Chair  
 State Coastal Conservancy  
 1330 Broadway, Suite. 1300  
 Oakland, CA 94612

RE: Funding Request for Elements of the Stream Management Master Plan Update

Dear Mr. Bosco,

City of Pleasanton is pleased to support Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, Zone 7 (Zone 7 Water Agency) in their efforts to manage the Alameda Creek Watershed within their jurisdiction and to collaborate with adjacent districts.

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If you have any questions, please contact me at 925-931-5675 or [anelkie@ci.pleasanton.ca.us](mailto:anelkie@ci.pleasanton.ca.us).

Sincerely,

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Adam Nelkie

cc: Melanie Denninger, California State Coastal Conservancy  
Carol Mahoney, Zone 7 Water Agency



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October 14, 2011

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COASTAL CONSERVANCY  
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Douglas Bosco, Chair  
State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, Suite 1300  
Oakland, CA 94612

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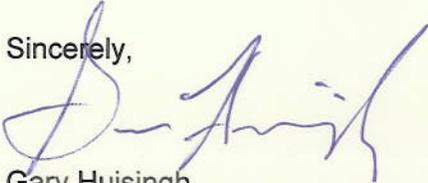
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If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Frank Navarro, Senior Civil Engineer, at (925)-833-6639, or email Mr. Navarro at [frank.navarro@dublin.ca.gov](mailto:frank.navarro@dublin.ca.gov).

Sincerely,



Gary Huisingsh  
Public Works Director

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cc: Melanie Denninger, California State Coastal Conservancy  
Carol Mahoney, Zone 7 Water Agency  
Mark Lander, City Engineer  
Frank Navarro, Senior Civil Engineer

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# **Alameda Creek Alliance**

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October 18, 2011

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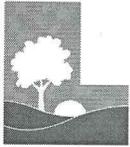
Sincerely,

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Jeff Miller  
Executive Director

cc: Melanie Denninger, California State Coastal Conservancy  
Carol Mahoney, Zone 7 Water Agency

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Timothy J. Barry

October 11, 2011

Douglas Bosco, Chair  
State Coastal Conservancy  
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Oakland, CA 94612

RE: Funding Request for Elements of the Stream Management Master Plan Update

Dear Mr. Bosco,

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (LARPD) is pleased to support the Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District and the Zone 7 Water Agency effort to seek grant funding from the Coastal Conservancy to help manage and enhance the Alameda Creek Watershed through an update to the Stream Management Master Plan.

This master plan update will engage regulatory agencies and stakeholders to identify the current needs and potential solutions for improving stream management in the Alameda Creek watershed. Unfortunately, funding sources for implementation of this update effort have only been partially identified. This is because specific aspects of this update are outside the general scope of Zone 7's functions and would therefore not generally be funded by the agency. These unfunded aspects are critical to developing a clear understanding of how the stream projects fit into the watershed as a whole. For these reasons, and to ensure that future implementation of stream projects will include the best environmental science and engineering, LARPD urges you to partner with Zone 7 in funding this needed master plan update.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (925) 373-5785 or by e-mail at [jlawrence@larpd.dst.ca.us](mailto:jlawrence@larpd.dst.ca.us).

Thank you for your consideration of our request,

John Lawrence  
Assistant General Manager  
Livermore Area Recreation and Park District

cc: Melanie Denninger, California State Coastal Conservancy  
Carol Mahoney, Zone 7 Water Agency

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**Board of Directors**

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