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March 6, 2012

Douglas Bosco, Chairman
Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
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Dear Chairman Bosco:

The County of San Diego Department of Parks and Recreation is supportive of the Tijuana River Valley Historical Ecology Study proposal being submitted by the San Francisco Estuary for the Tijuana River Valley Historical Ecology Study.

The Tijuana River Valley is recognized as an estuary of national and international importance; therefore, it is critical that ongoing projects benefit from the insight possible from a historic ecology investigation. The study will guide multiple restoration and management projects in the Tijuana River Valley. In particular, this will enable implementation of the Tijuana River Valley Recovery Strategy, which was developed by the Tijuana River Valley Recovery Team and was recently endorsed by the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board.

We hope that you will support the Tijuana River Valley Historical Ecology Study. If you have any questions or need additional information please contact Patrick McDonough, Senior Project Manager, at (858) 966-1341.

Sincerely,

BRIAN ALBRIGHT
Director

Cc: Jason Hemmens, Chief of Development





THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

March 5, 2012

Douglas Bosco, Chairman
Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Chairman Bosco,

I am writing to express the support of the City of San Diego Storm Water Division for the Tijuana River Valley Historical Ecology Study proposal submitted to the Coastal Conservancy.

Recent work has demonstrated that understanding the natural physical and biological processes that shaped an ecosystem prior to major modification can provide clues for designing projects that will be resilient and sustainable into the future. This will be particularly relevant for the implementation of the Tijuana River Valley Recovery Strategy, which was developed by the Tijuana River Valley Recovery Team and recently endorsed by the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board. The Valley is the focus of a bi-national collaboration to manage sediment, trash and flooding and to restore the river and estuary. The Study will inform efforts to remove impediments to flows of water and sediment in the river and estuary, and will address sedimentation in the valley and erosion of the barrier beach. It will also inform the design and location of natural and man-made controls of sediment and trash throughout the watershed in Mexico and the United States.

In combination with previous investigation of the hydrology and hydraulics investigations, this Study will be relevant to address excess sedimentation and flooding in the valley. I look forward to reviewing the reports and findings of the Study.

Sincerely yours,

Kris McFadden
Deputy Director

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March 14, 2012

Douglas Bosco, Chairman
Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

RE: Letter of Support for Tijuana River Valley Historical Ecology Study

Dear Chairman Bosco,

I am writing to express the support of the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board (San Diego Water Board) for the Tijuana River Valley Historical Ecology Study proposal submitted to the Coastal Conservancy by the San Francisco Estuary Institute.

Recent work has demonstrated that understanding the natural physical and biological processes that shaped an ecosystem prior to major modification can provide clues for designing contemporary projects that will be resilient and sustainable into the future. This will be particularly relevant for the implementation of the Tijuana River Valley Recovery Strategy, which was developed by the Tijuana River Valley Recovery Team and was recently endorsed by the San Diego Water Board. The Valley is the focus of a bi-national collaboration to manage sediment, trash and flooding and to restore the river and estuary. The Study will inform efforts to remove impediments to flows of water and sediment in the river and estuary to address sedimentation in the valley and erosion of the barrier beach. It may also inform the design and location of natural and man-made controls of sediment and trash throughout the watershed in Mexico and the United States.

As the Executive Officer of the San Diego Water Board, I feel the proposed Study will be relevant to our mission of protection, restoration and preservation of the water resources and a balanced wetland ecosystem in the Tijuana River Valley and Estuary. I look forward to participating in the Study.

Respectfully,

DAVID W. GIBSON
Executive Officer

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CC:



Tijuana River National Estuarine Research Reserve

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March 16, 2012

Douglas Bosco, Chairman
Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Chairman Bosco,

I am writing to express the support of Tijuana River National Estuarine Research Reserve (TRNERR) for the Tijuana River Valley Historical Ecology Study proposal submitted to the Coastal Conservancy by the San Francisco Estuary Institute.

Recent work has demonstrated that understanding the natural physical and biological processes that shaped an ecosystem prior to major modification can provide clues for designing contemporary projects that will be resilient and sustainable into the future. This will be particularly relevant for the implementation of the Tijuana River Valley Recovery Strategy, which was developed by the Tijuana River Valley Recovery Team and was recently endorsed by the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board. The Valley is the focus of a bi-national collaboration to manage sediment, trash and flooding and to restore the river and estuary. The Study will inform efforts to remove impediments to flows of water and sediment in the river and estuary to address sedimentation in the valley and erosion of the barrier beach. It may also inform the design and location of natural and man-made controls of sediment and trash throughout the watershed in Mexico and the United States.

As Acting Reserve Manager of the TRNERR, I feel the proposed Study is critical for all future restoration work and conservation management within the Tijuana River Valley. I look forward to participating in the Study.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'C. Peregrin', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Christopher M. Peregrin
Acting Reserve Manager
Tijuana River National Estuarine Research Reserve



March 15, 2012

Douglas Bosco, Chairman
Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Chairman Bosco,

I am writing to express the support of WILD COAST for the Tijuana River Valley Historical Ecology Study proposal submitted to the Coastal Conservancy by the San Francisco Estuary Institute.

WILD COAST is an international conservation team that conserves coastal and marine ecosystems and wildlife. Our measurable south San Diego bay conservation initiatives are working towards habitat and ecosystem restoration projects in Los Laureles, Mexico and the U.S. Tijuana River valley; working in conjunction with community, business, and agency stakeholders in the US-Mexico border region to reduce cross-border pollution and ocean-bound trash.

Recent work has demonstrated that understanding the natural physical and biological processes that shaped an ecosystem prior to major modification can provide clues for designing contemporary projects that will be resilient and sustainable into the future. This will be particularly relevant for the implementation of the Tijuana River Valley Recovery Strategy, which was developed by the Tijuana River Valley Recovery Team and was recently endorsed by the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board. The Valley is the focus of a bi-national collaboration to manage sediment, trash and flooding and to restore the river and estuary. The study will inform efforts to remove impediments to flows of water and sediment in the river and estuary to address sedimentation in the valley and erosion of the barrier beach. It may also inform the design and location of natural and man-made controls of sediment and trash throughout the watershed in Mexico and the United States.

As U.S.-Mexico Border Coastal Program Manager of the WILD COAST I feel the proposed study will be relevant to our work in the Tijuana River Watershed sub-basin of Los Laureles and the Tijuana River Valley and look forward to participating in the study.

Sincerely,

Paloma Aguirre
U.S.-Mexico Border Coastal Program Manager
WILD COAST



Surfrider Foundation, San Diego County Chapter

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March 19, 2012

Douglas Bosco, Chairman
Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Chairman Bosco,

I am writing to express the support of the Surfrider Foundation's San Diego County Chapter for the Tijuana River Valley Historical Ecology Study proposal submitted to the Coastal Conservancy by the San Francisco Estuary Institute.

Recent work has demonstrated that understanding the natural physical and biological processes that shaped an ecosystem prior to major modification can provide clues for designing contemporary projects that will be resilient and sustainable into the future. This will be particularly relevant for the implementation of the Tijuana River Valley Recovery Strategy, which was developed by the Tijuana River Valley Recovery Team and was recently endorsed by the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board. The Valley is the focus of a bi-national collaboration to manage sediment, trash and flooding and to restore the river and estuary. The Study will inform efforts to remove impediments to flows of water and sediment in the river and estuary to address sedimentation in the valley and erosion of the barrier beach. It may also inform the design and location of natural and man-made controls of sediment and trash throughout the watershed in Mexico and the United States.

As Chair of the Surfrider Foundation's San Diego County Chapter, I feel the proposed Study will be relevant to the work on our No Border Sewage (No B.S.) campaign, which addresses the environmental issues affecting the wetland areas and beaches of the border region through outreach, education, coalition-building, and hands-on volunteer projects. We look forward to the successful completion of the Study.

Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at (619) 818-9558 or sarah@surfridersd.org.

Sincerely,

Sarah Adams
Chapter Chair