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June 14, 2012

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

Dear Mr. Bosco,

I am writing in strong support of Solano Resource Conservation Districts's habitat restoration and education proposal to Coastal Conservancy. The Blue Rock Springs Creek Corridor Habitat Restoration project will bring together multiple Solano County organizations to provide environmental education opportunities to Vallejo High School students and enhance important riparian habitat and associated upland along Blue Rock Springs Creek in Vallejo. The proposed work would benefit the Suisun Marsh Watershed, the Bay Delta Estuary and the Bay Area Ridge Trail by creating and improving habitat, reducing erosion and promoting native plants. The project will involve at-risk Solano County students from Vallejo schools and the larger community in hands-on restoration, open-space recreation and environmental education. Restoration activities will improve habitat for a myriad of wildlife species, decrease the cover of noxious weeds increase the general appeal of the corridor for trail users.

This proposal leverages investments of time, funding and experience by the Solano Resource Conservation District, extending the value of previous investments in habitat restoration and enhancement and science-standard based compliant watershed-based education for community members. Solano Resource Conservation District has a proven track record of successful partnership and cooperative project implementation with public agencies, private landowners and other stakeholders.

I look forward to working with the project partners as they implement their conservation and educational mission and urge Coastal Conservancy to grant the funding of this proposal to ensure its continued success.

Sincerely,



Member of Congress
7th District, California

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June 20, 2012

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

Re: Blue Rock Springs Creek Corridor Habitat Restoration Project

Dear Chairman Bosco,

I strongly support Solano Resource Conservation Districts' habitat restoration and education grant proposal to the Coastal Conservancy. The Blue Rock Springs Creek Corridor Habitat Restoration project will bring together multiple Solano County organizations to provide environmental education opportunities to Vallejo High School students and enhance important riparian habitat and associated upland along Blue Rock Springs Creek in Vallejo.

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I look forward to working with the project partners as they implement their conservation and educational mission and urge the Coastal Conservancy to fund this proposal to ensure its continued success.

Sincerely,

NOREEN EVANS
 Senator, 2nd District

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

Doug,
Dear Mr. Bosco,

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Sincerely,

MICHAEL ALLEN
Assistant Majority Leader
Assemblymember, 7th District

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Barbara R. Kondylis
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Carmen E. Ward
District Representative

June 19, 2012

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

Dear Mr. Bosco,

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Sincerely,

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Barbara R. Kondylis
Solano County Supervisor
District 1



June 7, 2012

Melanie Denninger
CA State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Ms. Denninger;

This letter serves as a commitment of matching funds and demonstration of support for Solano Resource Conservation District (Solano RCD)'s proposal to the State Coastal Conservancy for "Blue Rock Springs Corridor Habitat Restoration."

The Vallejo Watershed Alliance (VWA) currently partners with the Solano RCD on a hands-on community restoration project in Blue Rock Springs Corridor, also funded by the Coastal Conservancy, and other facilitated restoration projects affiliated with schools and community groups. We have greatly benefitted from their technical expertise on restoration activities, as well as their leveraging of funds and coordination with other conservation activities in Solano County. We would be delighted to expand our partnership with them and work on larger-scale restoration activities in the Corridor.

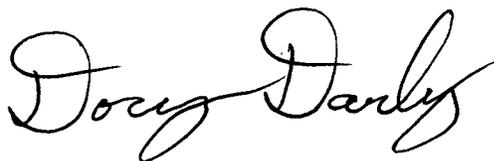
The Vallejo Watershed Alliance will continue to work with community volunteers and partners to conduct trash clean-up days and restore wildlife habitat in the Blue Rock Springs Corridor, including activities such as plant and drip system installation, planting maintenance and monitoring, all of which will help ensure project success. VWA will commit **\$12,600** as in-kind match to their proposal:

VWA Volunteers: 7 days/yr x 3 hrs/day x 10 volunteers x \$15/hr x 4 yrs = \$12,600

Please feel free to contact us with any questions. I can be reached at (707) 373-1766 or email Info@VallejoWatershedAlliance.org.

Sincerely,

Doug Darling
Chair



500 Iris Court
Benicia, CA 94510
June 20, 2012

Douglas Bosco, Chair
State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Bosco:

This letter is in support of Solano RCD's proposal for Blue Rock Springs Corridor Habitat Restoration. I am a teacher at Wardlaw Elementary located at 1698 Oakwood, Vallejo, with the Blue Rock Springs Creek directly below our playground.

- Solano RCD has worked in the Corridor for many years and is a valuable partner for science education in Vallejo.
- Last year (I am new at Wardlaw), my students participated by planting plugs along the creek.
- The hands-on restoration component of our field trips is a valuable experience for the students. Many of my students and the parent chaperones have never had the opportunity to get their hands in the soil and plant plugs.
- Students get to be a part of the installation of a major restoration project whose progress they will be able to observe over a number of years.
- Having a restoration professional in the field when students participate in the Watershed Explorers field trip / Biomonitoring Watershed Walk has been very valuable.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or for further details.

Sincerely,



Mary Ann Terrell
Teacher at Wardlaw Elementary

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June 21, 2012

Third grade teacher

Wardlaw Elementary School

1698 Oakwood Avenue

Vallejo, Ca. 94591

Mr, Bosco;

To Whom it may concern regarding the Solano RCD education/restoration program for Vallejo,

I am writing this letter in support of the Solano RCD's proposal for Blue Rock Springs Corridor Habitat Restoration. My name is Carole Hartley, and I am a third grade teacher at Wardlaw Elementary School in Vallejo, Ca. This is a large school of over 900 students, with a very diverse population of kids. Each year that I have been teaching at Wardlaw, the Solano RCD does an excellent fieldtrip that is completely free for the students. No bus cost is required of teachers, and no fee is required from the students. In fact, the fieldtrip is in our backyard. A backyard that students and parents are pleasantly surprised about when they venture on the mile walk down the creek, exploring the watershed and learning about their environment, native and non- native plants, and water conservation. Students at my school do not usually get the experiences that this fieldtrip provides, and as a teacher, most Science is only through a textbook. The Solano RCD education/restoration program allows students to do hands on Science in an important and educational way by being part of major restoration where they are able to plant plugs along the creek to help restore and maintain the area.

This program is highly structured, focused, educational, of high importance, and allows students, parents, and teachers to come together for the environment. It was heard by many students that it is their favorite fieldtrip and that they learned a lot. I personally had parents who told me it was the best fieldtrip they have ever been on and chaperoned for and they are very impressed.

Please help keep this amazing program going for all the kids, as they are the future thinkers and learners of our society.

You may contact me at anytime if you have further questions, or need more information.

Sincerely,

Carole Hartley

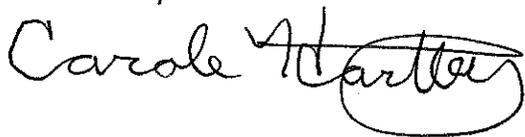
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Exhibit 5: Project Letters

June 20, 2012

Douglas Bosco, Chair
State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th floor
Oakland, CA 94612

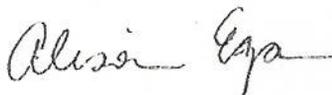
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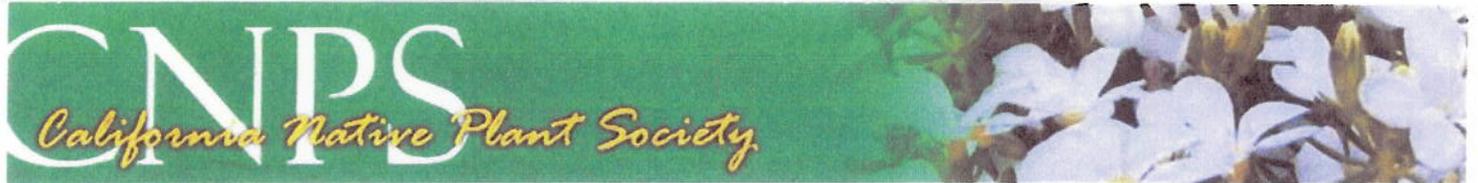
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- For 5 years, my students participated by planting plugs along the creek.
- The hands-on restoration component of our field trips is a valuable experience for the students. Nearly all of my students have never had the opportunity to get their hands in the soil and plant plugs.
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- Having a restoration professional in the field when students participate in the Watershed Explorers field trip has been very valuable

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or for further details.

Sincerely,





June 11, 2012

Douglas Bosco, Chair
State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Bosco;

Please accept this letter in support of Solano Resource Conservation District (Solano RCD)'s proposal to the State Coastal Conservancy for "Blue Rock Springs Corridor Habitat Restoration." The Willis Linn Jepson Chapter of the California Native Plant Society is familiar with the planting plan and planting palette for this project, and feels that the plant choices are suitable for habitat restoration projects in the Vallejo area. Solano RCD has implemented a number of similar projects in the Vallejo watershed and throughout Solano County, and is well equipped to implement a successful project in the Blue Rock Springs Corridor.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Steven L. Goetz". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Steven L. Goetz, President
California Native Plant Society, Willis Linn Jepson Chapter
707-745-4675, sgoet@sbcglobal.net

cc: C. Rose, Solano Resource Conservation District
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