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June 19, 2012

The Honorable Douglas H. Bosco, Chair  
California State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612

**SUBJECT:** Proposal for Hamilton Airfield Community Education Program with Students and Teachers  
Restoring A Watershed (STRAW)

Dear Chair Bosco:

I am writing to support the request from PRBO Conservation Science's program entitled, *Hamilton Airfield Community Education Program with Students and Teachers Restoring a Watershed (STRAW)*. This unique program will engage over 300 students, teachers, and community members in watershed education, restoration and monitoring of the historic Hamilton Airfield restoration project.

PRBO Conservation Science (PRBO) is dedicated to conserving birds, other wildlife and ecosystems through scientific research, restoration, outreach and extensive partnerships. Its highest priority is to reduce the negative impacts of changes in land-use, the ocean and climate on ecosystems while promoting adaptation to future conditions.

With over 47 years of experience translating ecological research into conservation action and education throughout the West, PRBO is a perfect partner to engage in this landmark project. The STRAW Project coordinates and sustains a network of teachers, students, restoration specialists and other community members as they plan and implement watershed studies and restoration projects in Marin, Sonoma, Solano, Alameda and Napa counties. They provide teachers and students with the scientific, educational and technical resources to prepare them for hands-on, outdoor watershed studies, including ecological restoration of riparian corridors and wetlands.

Since 1993, more than 30,000 students have participated in over 375 restorations on rural and urban creeks and wetlands, planting close to 30,000 native plants and restoring approximately 25 miles of habitat. STRAW has been working with schools in Novato for the last 12 years and is uniquely poised to bring in local community members and teachers to participate in the Hamilton project.

Conservation education and hands-on participation are critical to directly linking communities to the many environmental and societal benefits of more robust and vibrant San Francisco Bay habitats. The STRAW project will bring significant benefits to the region by engaging community members in wetland restoration. I hope you will give this request your serious consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jared Huffman".

**JARED HUFFMAN**  
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June 20, 2012

The Honorable Douglas H. Bosco, Chair  
California State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612

RE: Proposal to CA Coastal Conservancy for Hamilton Airfield Community Education Program with Students and Teachers Restoring A Watershed (STRAW)

Dear Chair Bosco:

I write in support of PRBO Conservation Science's funding request for the "Hamilton Airfield Community Education Program with Students and Teachers Restoring a Watershed (STRAW)." This unique program will engage over 300 students, teachers, and community members in watershed education and restoration of the historic Hamilton Airfield restoration project.

With over 47 years of experience translating ecological research into conservation action and education throughout the West, PRBO is dedicated to conserving wildlife and ecosystems through scientific research, restoration, outreach and extensive partnerships.

PRBO's STRAW Project coordinates and sustains a network of teachers, students, restoration specialists and other community members as they plan and implement watershed studies and restoration projects in Marin, Sonoma, Solano, Alameda and Napa counties. Since 1993, more than 30,000 students have participated in over 375 restorations on rural and urban creeks and wetlands, planted close to 30,000 native plants and restored approximately 25 miles of habitat. STRAW has been working with schools in Novato for the last 12 years and is uniquely poised to bring in local community members and teachers to participate in the Hamilton project.

Funding of this project will bring significant benefits to the region by engaging community members in wetland restoration. I fully support PRBO's proposal. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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