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Doug Bosco, Chairman
California State Coastal Conservancy
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Re: **City of Arcata $230,000 Grant Application for McDaniel Slough Restoration Project**

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I am writing to express my strong support for the grant request for the McDaniel Slough Restoration Project (Project) made by the City of Arcata for funding consideration by the Conservancy. I understand that the City of Arcata has submitted an application for $230,000 in Coastal Conservancy funds that will be matched by federal and local dollars to complete the final phase of the McDaniel Slough project.

The Project will restore estuarine habitat to 222 acres of former tidelands associated with McDaniel Slough/Janes Creek and enhance 24 acres of freshwater habitat and will benefit resident and migratory birds and other water associated wildlife. Removal of tide gates at the mouth of McDaniel Slough and restoration of estuarine habitats benefits federally-listed Coho salmon, Chinook salmon, Tidewater goby and Steelhead.

I appreciate the Conservancy Board's consideration of this item at your meeting on October 18th and urge your approval.

Sincerely,

Noreen Evans

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Chair Doug Bosco
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**Re: Support for City of Arcata $230,000 Grant Application for McDaniel Slough Restoration Project**

Dear Mr Bosco:

I am writing to express my strong support for the City of Arcata grant request for the McDaniel Slough Restoration Project in the City of Arcata and Humboldt County. The City of Arcata has submitted an application for $230,000 in Coastal Conservancy funds that will be matched by federal and local dollars to complete the final phase of the McDaniel Slough project.

The McDaniel Slough project will restore estuarine habitat to 222 acres of former tidelands associated with McDaniel Slough/Janes Creek and enhance 24 acres of freshwater habitat. The project benefits resident and migratory birds and other water associated wildlife. Removal of tide gates at the mouth of McDaniel Slough and restoration of estuarine & riverine habitats benefits federally-listed Coho salmon, Chinook salmon, Tidewater goby, & Steelhead – Northern California ESU. The project provides one of the best opportunities in the north-bay area to restore coastal landscape processes because it is not constrained by either the railroad or Highway 101.

I ask that you give serious consideration to the grant request for this worthy project.

Respectfully,

WESLEY CHESBRO
Assemblyman, 1st District

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cc: Su Corbaley, Project Manager
Julie Neander, Environmental Programs Manager

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Su Corbaley
Project Manager
North Coast Region
California State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612-2512

Re: Support for City of Arcata $230,000 Grant Application for McDaniel Slough Restoration Project

Dear Ms. Corbaley:

On behalf of Friends of the Arcata Marsh (FOAM), I am writing in support of the California Coastal Conservancy approving disbursement of up to $230,000 to the City of Arcata, to be used to complete the McDaniel Slough Restoration Project.

The McDaniel Slough Project provides one of the best opportunities in the North Bay area to restore coastal landscape processes. It is not constrained by either a railroad or highway, which is the case for most land adjacent to Humboldt Bay. The McDaniel Slough Project will restore lost hydrologic function and estuarine habitat to over 222 acres of Humboldt Bay's former tidelands, as well as improve habitat for 24.5 acres of freshwater wetlands for a variety of endangered/threatened species and resident and migratory birds. Eighteen State-listed bird species ("endangered" or "species of special concern") that utilize similar habitats adjacent to the project area should benefit. Project protection and restoration of estuarine intertidal and riverine habitats also benefits federally listed fish such as Coho salmon, Chinook salmon, tidewater goby, and steelhead.

FOAM is a nonprofit organization charged with providing environmental education and public outreach about the Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary, including free public tours of Marsh habitat.

FOAM sincerely appreciates your consideration of this agenda item at your meeting on October 18 and encourages your approval.

Sincerely,

Sue Leskiw

Sue Leskiw, President, Friends of the Arcata Marsh

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