



December 14, 2012

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

Dear Chair Bosco:

On behalf of Save The Bay, I am urging the Coastal Conservancy Board to approve the pending grant proposal from the San Francisco Estuary Partnership to support the 2013 State of the Estuary Conference.

Save The Bay is the oldest and largest organization working to protect and restore San Francisco Bay, with more than 50 years of accomplishments. The biennial State of the Estuary Conference is an extremely valuable tool for us, the Coastal Conservancy, our colleague organizations, and other agencies, research institutions, and the general public to advance our understanding of the bay and how to make it healthier.

The 11th biennial State of the Estuary Conference in 2013 will be organized and run by the San Francisco Estuary Partnership, with which Save The Bay is an active participant. SFEP has a long track record of developing the conference themes, agenda, panels and speakers in collaboration with all the key agencies and entities concerned with bay and estuary issues.

We urge your support of this effort.

Sincerely,

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

David Lewis  
Executive Director



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January 30, 2013

Douglas Bosco  
Chairman of the Board  
California Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Bosco:

The Coastal Conservancy is considering making a grant to the San Francisco Estuary Partnership to help support the 2013 State of the Estuary Conference. I write to encourage the Board to approve that grant request. The funds will support this important gathering of scientists and planners scheduled for October 2013 and provide a forum to show-case the accomplishments and next steps in meeting our restoration goals.

The science community around the region greatly appreciates the opportunity afforded by this conference to bring together policy-makers, scientists, academics and the public interested in bay issues. We've come to rely on the biennial State of the Estuary Conference as an essential tool to communicate management lessons, convey progress toward restoration and protection goals, and to better define further actions needed to preserve, protect and enhance the ecology of our San Francisco Bay region.

The 11<sup>th</sup> biennial State of the Estuary Conference will be organized and run by the San Francisco Estuary Partnership. The Partnership has a long track record of developing the conference themes, agenda, panels and speakers in collaboration with all the key agencies and entities concerned with bay estuary issues. The results of the past conferences have been better information available to both decision-makers and to the public

We urge your support of this effort.

Sincerely,

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Rainer Hoenicke, Ph.D.

Executive Director



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January 29, 2013

Douglas Bosco  
Chairman of the Board  
California Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Bosco:

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for the San Francisco Estuary Partnership's proposal to the California Coastal Conservancy to help support the upcoming 2013 State of the Estuary Conference. The community of policy-makers, scientists, academics, and the public interested in bay issues have come to rely on the biennial State of the Estuary Conference as an essential tool to communicate management lessons and to better define the actions needed to preserve, protect and enhance the ecology of our San Francisco Bay region.

The 2013 State of the Estuary Conference will be the 11<sup>th</sup> conference of its kind put on by the San Francisco Estuary Partnership. The partnership has a long track record of developing the conference themes, agenda, panels and speakers in collaboration with all the key agencies and entities concerned with bay estuary issues. The results of past conferences have been better information available to both decision-makers and to the public.

Thank you for the consideration of this important proposal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Frawley', written in a cursive style.

John Frawley  
President and CEO  
The Bay Institute  
Aquarium of the Bay