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February 4, 2013

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

Subject: Support for South Coast Habitat Restoration's Removal of Two Fish Barriers on Carpinteria Creek: Pinkham Ranch and Circle G Ranch, Santa Barbara County, California

Dear Mr. Bosco:

I am writing to express the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's (Service) strong support for the California Coastal Conservancy (Coastal Conservancy) funding the subject projects proposed by South Coast Habitat Restoration. The requested funds are for engineering designs needed for the Circle G Project and for implementation of the Pinkham Ranch Project, which collectively would support removal of the final two remaining passage barriers for the Southern California Coast steelhead (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*) in Carpinteria Creek. In Fiscal Year 2011, our Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program provided funding for developing engineering designs on the Pinkham Ranch Project and the requested funds from the Coastal Conservancy would assist with implementing those designs. Additionally, we currently are reviewing a proposal to the Service's National Fish Passage Program to potentially fund in part the future implementation of the barrier removal at Circle G Ranch (funding decision for all projects submitted to this program are still pending in the Service's Pacific Southwest Region).

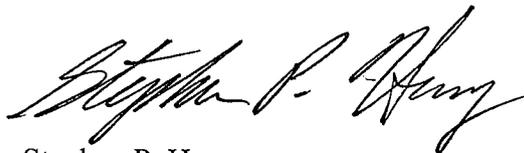
We thank the Coastal Conservancy for its past support of this collaborative effort. In collaboration, we have demonstrated how the local community working together with local, State and Federal agency partners can address barriers to steelhead migration in the Carpinteria Creek Watershed. Over the years, the Coastal Conservancy and many partners have substantially improved habitat conditions and migration for the steelhead population within this important coastal watershed, while also improving habitats for a suite of other native plant and animal species dependent on these coastal aquatic and riparian habitats. Providing South Coast Habitat Restoration with the requested funding for the Circle G Project and the Pinkham Ranch Project would enhance steelhead recovery in the entire watershed and contribute to our goal of improving native coastal ecosystems for the benefit of wildlife, plants, and people.

Douglas Bosco

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If you have any questions or would like more information about our support of these efforts, please contact Mary Root or Eric Morrissette of my staff at (805) 644-1766, extension 233 or extension 223, respectively.

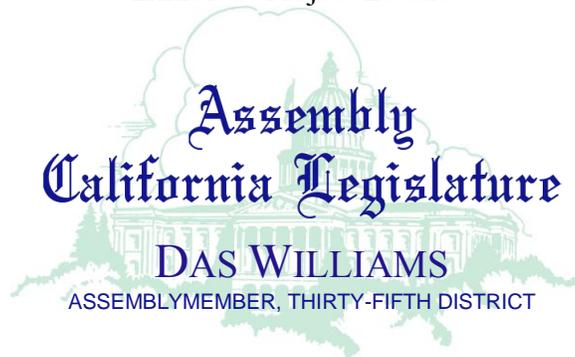
Sincerely,

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Stephen P. Henry  
Deputy Field Supervisor

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January 29, 2013

California Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612

Subject: Support for Carpinteria Creek Restoration Proposals – Pinkham Ranch and Circle G Ranch

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in support of South Coast Habitat Restoration's efforts to restore habitat for the federally endangered steelhead trout in the Carpinteria Creek Watershed. Their proposals to remove a fish migration barrier on the Pinkham Ranch and perform engineering at the Circle G Ranch in the Carpinteria Creek Watershed are not only helping the species but also the local agricultural interests. As elected Assembly member to the region in whose district the projects are located, I understand the benefits that the removal of these barriers will have for the health of steelhead trout in Carpinteria Creek.

This proposal includes the removal of the last major barriers in the Carpinteria Creek watershed. The Pinkham proposal in the amount of \$80,000 would replace the existing undersized bridge and concrete from within the creek bed and replace it with a bridge and restored creek channel which will benefit steelhead trout migration and other aquatic species.

The project at the Circle G Ranch in the amount of \$90,000 would allow for engineers to be hired and develop designs which will improve the habitat with input from the owner and the overseeing agencies.

I support South Coast Habitat Restoration's work and urge the review committee to support the grant proposals. The relationships which SCHR has been able to build in the community over the past five years have allowed for the success to date. I hope that with this proposal will allow for that success to continue.

Sincerely,

DAS WILLIAMS  
Assemblymember, 37<sup>th</sup> District



STATE CAPITOL  
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# California State Senate

SENATOR  
HANNAH-BETH JACKSON  
NINETEENTH SENATE DISTRICT



February 1, 2013

Douglas Bosco, Chairman  
California Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I am writing in support of South Coast Habitat Restoration's (SCHR) efforts to restore habitat for the federally endangered steelhead trout in the Carpinteria Creek Watershed. Their proposals to remove a fish migration barrier on the Pinkham Ranch and perform engineering at the Circle G Ranch in the Carpinteria Creek Watershed are not only helping the species but also the landowners. As the elected Senator to the region in the district where the projects are located, I understand the benefits that the removal of these barriers will have for the health of the steelhead trout population in Carpinteria Creek.

This proposal includes the removal of the last major barriers in the Carpinteria Creek Watershed. The Pinkham proposal in the amount of \$80,000, would replace the existing undersized bridge and concrete from within the creek bed and replace it with a bridge and restored creek channel. This will benefit steelhead trout migration and other aquatic species.

The project at the Circle G Ranch in the amount of \$90,000 would allow for engineers to be hired and to develop designs which will improve the habitat with input from the owner and the overseeing agencies.

I support South Coast Habitat Restoration's work and urge the review committee to support the grant proposals.

Sincerely,

  
HANNAH-BETH JACKSON  
Senator, 19<sup>th</sup> District

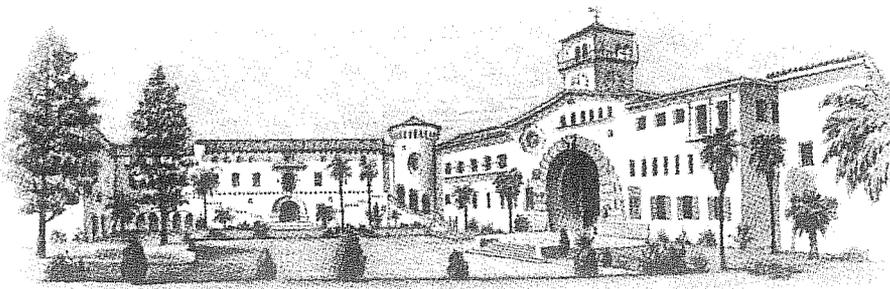
Exhibit 3: Project Letters

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**COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA**

January 28, 2013

California Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612

Subject: Support for Carpinteria Creek Restoration Proposal – Circle G Ranch

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am writing in support of South Coast Habitat Restoration's (SCHR) proposal to perform engineering designs to remove a fish migration barrier on the Circle G Ranch in the Carpinteria Creek Watershed. As the County Supervisor in whose district the project is located, I understand the benefits that the removal of this barrier will have for the health of the steelhead trout population in Carpinteria Creek.

This project will bring to fruition a decade long project to reopen Carpinteria Creek to steelhead by moving forward with engineering and planning design, and, most importantly, the removal of the last major barrier in the Carpinteria Creek watershed.

Previous work accomplished thus far in the Carpinteria watershed includes four other barrier removals and the modification of County debris basins to provide fish passage. Ultimately, the project would restore the creek to a more natural habitat for steelhead trout and other aquatic species.

I appreciate and urge your consideration of the Circle G Ranch project that will further realize the community priority of steelhead habitat restoration in Carpinteria Creek.

Sincerely,

Salud Carbajal  
1<sup>st</sup> District Supervisor



Santa Barbara County Public Works Department  
Flood Control  Water Agency

January 29, 2013

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

SUBJECT: Support for Carpinteria Creek Restoration Proposal – Circle G Ranch & Pinkham Ranch

To Whom it May Concern:

On behalf of Santa Barbara County Flood Control District, I strongly recommend South Coast Habitat Restoration's applications to the California Coastal Conservancy for the Circle G and Pinkham Ranch projects.

We understand the proposal includes the removal of the last major steelhead barriers in the Carpinteria Creek watershed. The Pinkham proposal, in the amount of \$80,000, would replace the existing undersized bridge and concrete within the creek bed with a larger bridge and restored creek channel which will benefit steelhead trout migration and other aquatic species.

We understand the project at the Circle G Ranch, in the amount of \$90,000, would enable engineers to be hired to develop designs with input from the owner and overseeing agencies that will improve the habitat.

We have a strong relationship with staff of South Coast Habitat Restoration and have confidence in their ability to successfully complete the projects. South Coast Habitat Restoration has completed many steelhead restoration projects and are currently working on various barrier removal projects in the region. Many of these projects compliment efforts the Flood Control District is working on to further enhance steelhead habitat. In the Carpinteria watershed, the Flood Control District is in the process of removing our debris basin upstream of the Circle G and Pinkham ranches. With the removal of all of these barriers, steelhead will have access to their historic spawning grounds in the near future.

We support South Coast Habitat Restoration's proposals and urge you to take advantage of the opportunity to fund these projects.

Sincerely,

  
Maureen Spencer  
Operations and Environmental Manager



January 29, 2013

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

SUBJECT: Support for Carpinteria Creek Restoration Proposal – Circle G Ranch & Pinkham Ranch

To Whom it May Concern:

On behalf of the Carpinteria Creek Watershed Coalition, I strongly recommend South Coast Habitat Restoration's applications to the California Coastal Conservancy for the Circle G and Pinkham Ranch projects.

The Coalition is a locally community based watershed group that has been working to restore the watershed for the past 12 years. Our members are comprised of ranchers, community members, agencies and landowners who share a common goal of restoring the health of the watershed and bringing back steelhead trout.

We understand the proposal includes the removal of the last major barriers in the Carpinteria Creek watershed. The Pinkham proposal in the amount of \$80,000 would replace the existing undersized bridge and concrete from within the creek bed and replace it with a bridge and restored creek channel which will benefit steelhead trout migration and other aquatic species.

We understand the project at the Circle G Ranch in the amount of \$90,000 would allow for engineers to be hired and develop designs which will improve the habitat with input from the owner and the overseeing agencies.

The Coalition looks forward to having all of the barriers removed from the watershed in the near future and allowing steelhead access to their historic spawning grounds. These proposals will allow for this to become reality.

We support South Coast Habitat Restoration's proposals and urge you to take advantage of the opportunity to fund these projects.

Sincerely,

Mauricio Gomez, Chair  
Carpinteria Creek Watershed Coalition  
PO Box 335  
Carpinteria, CA 93014



**THE CARPINTERIA CREEK COMMITTEE**

P.O. Box 1128 Carpinteria CA 93014-1128

January 29, 2013

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

**SUBJECT:** Support for Carpinteria Creek Restoration Proposal – Circle G Ranch & Pinkham Ranch

To Whom it May Concern:

On behalf of the Carpinteria Creek Committee, I strongly recommend South Coast Habitat Restoration's applications to the California Coastal Conservancy for the Circle G and Pinkham Ranch projects.

We understand the proposal includes the removal of the last major barriers in the Carpinteria Creek watershed. The Pinkham proposal in the amount of \$80,000 would replace the existing undersized bridge and concrete from within the creek bed and replace it with a bridge and restored creek channel which will benefit steelhead trout migration and other aquatic species.

We understand the project at the Circle G Ranch in the amount of \$90,000 would allow for engineers to be hired and develop designs which will improve the habitat with input from the owner and the overseeing agencies.

The Carpinteria Creek Committee has been working with South Coast Habitat Restoration and the Carpinteria Creek Watershed Coalition for the past 12 years and strongly support the work in the watershed to restore habitat to the federally endangered steelhead trout. The leadership and role which South Coast Habitat Restoration has taken has allowed our dream of one day seeing steelhead access their historic spawning one step closer to reality.

We support South Coast Habitat Restoration's proposals and urge you to take advantage of the opportunity to fund these projects.

Sincerely,

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Betty Songer  
Carpinteria Creek Committee



January 29, 2013

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

**SUBJECT:** Support for Carpinteria Creek Restoration Proposal – Circle G Ranch & Pinkham Ranch

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To Whom it May Concern:

On behalf of Santa Barbara Channelkeeper, I would strongly recommend South Coast Habitat Restoration's applications to the California Coastal Conservancy for the Circle G and Pinkham Ranch projects.

We understand the proposals include the removal of the last major barriers in the Carpinteria Creek watershed. The Pinkham proposal in the amount of \$80,000 would replace the existing undersized bridge and concrete from within the creek bed and replace it with a bridge and restored creek channel which will benefit steelhead trout migration and other aquatic species.

We understand the project at the Circle G Ranch in the amount of \$90,000 would allow for engineers to be hired and develop designs which will improve the habitat with input from the owner and the overseeing agencies.

Channelkeeper has a strong interest in keeping our watersheds clean and healthy for all. These projects will allow for the federally endangered steelhead trout to one day return to their historic spawning grounds in the watershed and will help the overall population in the region recover.

We support South Coast Habitat Restoration's proposals and urge you to take advantage of the opportunity to fund these projects.

Sincerely,

Ben Pitterle  
Director of Watershed Programs  
Santa Barbara Channelkeeper

