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Re: Laguna Foundation and City of Santa Rosa's Irwin Creek Project Application

Dear Ms. Hutzel:

I am writing to express my support for the grant application submitted by the Laguna Foundation and Santa Rosa's Irwin Creek Restoration Project to the California State Coastal Conservancy. The proposed project, immediately upstream of the Laguna de Santa Rosa Wildlife Preserve, would remove exotic and invasive species and plant riparian shrub understory species to restore important riparian habitat & function, improve water quality & flood management, and help mitigate climate change impacts. It will also provide new public access for a variety of highly developed volunteer and environmental education events & programs on the historically significant Stone Farm and along Irwin Creek.

The benefits of this project will be immediately and greatly enhanced by the Foundation's newly constructed Laguna Environmental Center complex (LEC) which is located immediately adjacent to the project site on Stone Farm. The LEC serves as a "launch pad" for a wide spectrum of public education and volunteer activities in the Laguna. Featuring an active and diverse working landscape, the project site provides unique educational opportunities to teach visitors about beneficial farm-natural area interfaces and serves as a model system in this regard.

The Irwin Creek channel is tributary to the Laguna de Santa Rosa, one of the most ecologically important and threatened wetland complexes in California and was recently identified as a wetland of international significance. Enhancing Irwin Creek's riverine and riparian habitat is a key step in restoring natural biodiversity and function in the Laguna de Santa Rosa Watershed. I support this project and believe funding would greatly benefit the 6th Congressional District. I urge you to give this application your full and careful consideration. If you have any questions or comments, please contact my Grants Coordinator, George Haralambopoulos, in my Santa Rosa office at (707) 542-7182.

Sincerely,



Lynn Woolsey
Member of Congress

Exhibit 3: Project Letters

MIKE THOMPSON

1ST DISTRICT, CALIFORNIA

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San Francisco Bay Area Regional Manager
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Dear Ms. Hutzel:

I am writing in support of the Laguna Foundation and the City of Santa Rosa's Irwin Creek Restoration Project grant application. The proposed project is immediately upstream of and a tributary to the Laguna de Santa Rosa Wildlife Preserve, which has been identified as a wetland of international significance and one of the most threatened wetland complexes in the state.

The proposed project would remove exotic and invasive species and plant vegetation that would restore the riparian habitat and function while improving water quality in the Laguna and providing enhanced flood management.

An additional benefit of the Irwin Creek project would be its proximity to the new Laguna Environmental Center. The project site would provide unique educational opportunities for visitors in the center and serve as a model of a successful farm/natural area interface.

This is an important project for the Laguna and the city and one that could only enhance the public benefits enjoyed by thousands of visitors who enjoy this regional treasure each year.

Thank you for your consideration of this application and please let me know if I can provide you with any additional information.

Sincerely,

MIKE THOMPSON
Member of Congress

MT:cd

cc: John Guardino, Restoration Program Manager

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Amy Hutzel, San Francisco Bay Area Regional Manager
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Re: **Laguna Foundation and City of Santa Rosa's Irwin Creek Project Application**

Dear Ms. Hutzel:

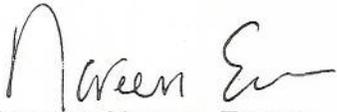
I am pleased to support the Laguna Foundation and the City of Santa Rosa's application for grant funding to restore Irwin Creek. The proposed project, immediately upstream of the Laguna de Santa Rosa Wildlife Preserve, would remove exotic and invasive species and plant riparian shrub understory species to restore important riparian habitat & function, improve water quality & flood management, and help mitigate climate change impacts. It will also provide new public access for a variety of highly developed volunteer and environmental education events & programs on the historically significant Stone Farm and along Irwin Creek.

The benefits of this project will be immediately and greatly enhanced by the Foundation's newly constructed Laguna Environmental Center complex (LEC) which is located immediately adjacent to the project site on Stone Farm. The LEC serves as a "launch pad" for a wide spectrum of public education and volunteer activities in the Laguna. The project site provides unique educational opportunities to teach visitors about beneficial farm-natural area interfaces – and serves as a model system in this regard.

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The Irwin Creek channel is tributary to the Laguna de Santa Rosa, one of the most ecologically important and threatened wetland complexes in California. The Laguna was recently named as a wetland of international significance by the United Nations. Enhancing Irwin Creek's riverine and riparian habitat is a key step in restoring natural biodiversity and function in the Laguna de Santa Rosa Watershed.

Very Truly Yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Noreen Evans". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Senator Noreen Evans
2nd District

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August 20, 2012

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Re: Laguna Foundation and the City of Santa Rosa's Irwin Creek Project Application

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I am writing to support the Laguna Foundation and the City of Santa Rosa's Irwin Creek Restoration Project grant application. The proposed project, immediately upstream of the Laguna de Santa Rosa Wildlife Preserve, would remove exotic and invasive species and plant riparian shrub understory species to restore important riparian habitat & function, improve water quality & flood management, and help mitigate climate change impacts. It will also provide new public access for a variety of highly developed volunteer and environmental education events & programs on the historically significant Stone Farm and along Irwin Creek.

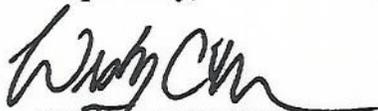
The benefits of this project will be immediately and greatly enhanced by the Foundation's newly constructed Laguna Environmental Center complex (LEC) which is located immediately adjacent to the project site on Stone Farm. Recently, I had the pleasure of touring the LEC and was extremely impressed with the important work being done there. The LEC serves as a "launch pad" for a wide spectrum of public education and volunteer activities in the Laguna. Featuring an active and diverse working landscape, the project site provides unique educational opportunities to teach visitors about beneficial farm-natural area interfaces – and serves as a model system in this regard.

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I strongly urge the approval of the Laguna Foundation and City of Santa Rosa's Irwin Creek Project grant application in order to help fund this most worthwhile project. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,


 WESLEY CHESBRO
 Assemblyman, 1st District

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August 22, 2012

Amy Hutzal, S.F. Bay Area Regional Manager
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Enhancing Irwin Creek's riverine and riparian habitat is a key step in restoring natural biodiversity and function in the Laguna de Santa Rosa Watershed.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL ALLEN, Assemblymember
7th District

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August 21, 2012

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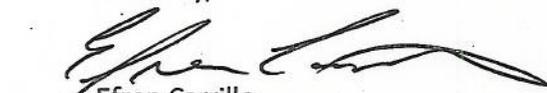
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Sincerely,


Efrén Carrillo
Supervisor, Fifth District



August 23, 2012

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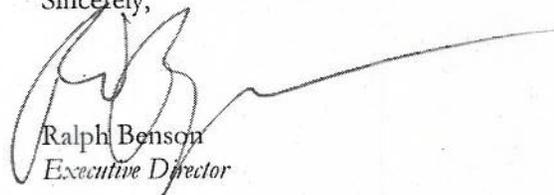
Dear Ms. Hutzel:

Sonoma Land Trust is pleased to support the Laguna Foundation and Santa Rosa's Irwin Creek Restoration Project grant application. The proposed project, immediately upstream of the Laguna de Santa Rosa Wildlife Preserve, will remove exotic and invasive species and plant riparian shrub understory species to restore important riparian habitat & function, improve water quality & flood management, and help mitigate climate change impacts. It will also provide new public access for a variety of highly developed volunteer and environmental education events & programs on the historically significant Stone Farm and along Irwin Creek.

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Sincerely,



Ralph Benson
Executive Director