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## Exhibit 3: Project Letters



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March 11, 2013

Douglas Bosco, Chair  
California Coastal Conservancy  
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### **RE: Support for the Upper Devereux Slough Restoration Planning Project**

Chairman Bosco and Commissioners:

As the Congressional representative from the 24<sup>th</sup> District of California which includes the Santa Barbara area, I want to express my strong support for the approval of \$869,300 in Coastal Conservancy and US Fish and Wildlife Service funds to the University of California, Santa Barbara to begin the planning and permitting processes for the Upper Devereux Slough Restoration Project.

While the property currently retains 1.4 acres of wetland in Devereux Creek and is already used by a variety of wildlife and fish, including the federally endangered tidewater goby, California least tern and the federally threatened western snowy plover, the Upper Devereux Slough is the site of a much larger wetland complex. Restoring these wetlands to their historic status will result in the expansion of important habitat for these and other imperiled species, such as the Ventura marsh milk-vetch, which is recovering on the adjacent property after being presumed extinct for 30 years. The federally-threatened California red-legged frog has been documented within the Devereux Creek watershed and would likely utilize this area once the restoration is complete as well.

I was pleased to strongly support both National Coastal Wetlands Conservation grants, portions of which will be passed from the Coastal Conservancy to the University, so that this once-in-a-lifetime coastal wildlife habitat restoration opportunity can begin.

It is for all of these reasons that I support this project and I urge you to give this request your full and fair consideration, consistent with all relevant rules and regulations.

Should you have any questions about my support for this project, please feel free to

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contact Rachel Kondor in my Santa Barbara District Office at (805) 730-1710.

Sincerely,

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**LOIS CAPPS**  
**Member of Congress**

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SENATOR  
HANNAH-BETH JACKSON  
NINETEENTH SENATE DISTRICT



March 13, 2013

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

**RE: Support for the Upper Devereux Slough Restoration Planning Project**

Dear Chairman Bosco and Commissioners:

As the State Senator from Santa Barbara County, I want to express my strong support for the approval of \$869,300 in Coastal Conservancy and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service funds to the University of California, Santa Barbara to begin the planning and permitting processes for the Upper Devereux Slough Restoration Project.

This property, located adjacent to Devereux Slough in Santa Barbara County at the eastern gateway to the Gaviota Coast, will soon become part of a complex of protected properties on the Ellwood-Devereux Coast that provide for the protection of natural resources, open space, aesthetic values, public access, passive recreation, and education in perpetuity.

Approval of this planning and permitting funding is the first important step in a process that will result in this property's restoration, thus providing sustainable and lasting benefits that will substantially impact the larger regional coastal ecosystem. Restoring the site will expand wetland and riparian habitats, result in improved water quality for the entire estuary, and reconnect critical wildlife dispersal corridors. Trails, boardwalks, and interpretative signage will provide for public use of the property and will educate all who go there about the importance of wetlands--in particular, the immediately adjacent Devereux Slough. Moving this restoration project forward as soon as possible will take us one step closer to implementing the long-term goal of improving conditions of coastal estuaries, particularly at Devereux Slough.

I am proud that the Coastal Conservancy has taken a leadership role in making both the Upper Devereux Slough acquisition and restoration projects happen. As such, I strongly support the approval of these funds so that the permitting and planning process can begin, clearing the way for the restoration of the Upper Devereux Slough. Should you have any questions about my support for this project, please feel free to contact James Joyce in my Santa Barbara District Office at 805-965-0862.

Sincerely,

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

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March 6, 2013

Douglas Bosco, Chair  
California Coastal Conservancy  
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Oakland, CA 94612

**RE: Support for the Upper Devereux Slough Restoration Planning Project**

Chairman Bosco and Commissioners:

As the Assemblymember from Santa Barbara County, and as a legislative member of the Conservancy Board, I want to express my strong support for the approval of \$869,300 in Coastal Conservancy and US Fish and Wildlife Service funds to the University of California, Santa Barbara to begin the planning and permitting processes for the Upper Devereux Slough Restoration Project.

In 2011, Conservancy approved a grant to The Trust for Public Land so that it could acquire the Upper Devereux Slough property for habitat conservation and restoration purposes, as well as public access. This planning and permitting grant represents a significant first step in facilitating the restoration of this property, believed to be the single most significant action that could be taken to restore wetland habitat in southern Santa Barbara County. When complete, this 113-acre restoration will provide sustainable and lasting benefits that will substantially impact the larger regional coastal ecosystem. Restoration will expand wetland and riparian habitats, resulting in improved water quality for the entire estuary.

Over the past four decades, there has been a concerted effort by local municipalities, conservation organizations, and state and federal partners to improve conditions of coastal estuaries, particularly at Goleta and Devereux Sloughs. This restoration project represents an amazing opportunity to accomplish those goals and this grant will get this project moving.

I am pleased to see the Conservancy playing such a pivotal role in making both the Upper Devereux Slough acquisition and restoration projects happen and I wholeheartedly support this grant request so that the permitting and planning process can begin, thus bringing us one step closer to restoring the Upper Devereux Slough. Should you have any questions about my support for this project, please feel free to contact Hillary Blackerby in my Santa Barbara District Office at 805 564-1649.

Sincerely,

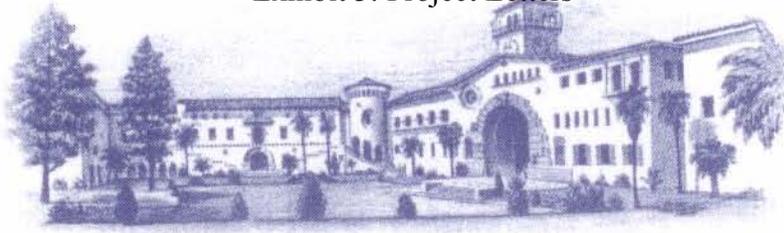
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DAS WILLIAMS  
Assemblymember, 37<sup>th</sup> District



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March 15, 2013

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

Douglas Bosco, Chair  
California Coastal Conservancy  
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Oakland, CA 94612

**RE: Support for the Upper Devereux Slough Restoration Planning Project**

Chairman Bosco and Commissioners:

I want to take this opportunity to express my strong support for the approval of \$869,300 in Coastal Conservancy and US Fish and Wildlife Service funds to the University of California, Santa Barbara to begin the planning and permitting processes for the Upper Devereux Slough Restoration Project, located in the County's Third Supervisorial District, which I represent.

The land to be restored is located at the eastern gateway to the Gaviota Coast, just north of the University of California's Coal Oil Point Reserve and east of the Sperling Preserve at Ellwood Mesa which the Conservancy helped to protect in 2005. This particular site is extremely significant because it connects the upper and lower arms of the Devereux Slough. The acquisition of the Ocean Meadows property, which I have strongly supported, will soon occur, thus opening the door for the biological restoration of the Upper Devereux Slough. These planning funds will enable the restoration of 113 acres of wetlands and connected uplands, thereby enhancing and permanently protecting fish and wildlife habitat and open space. This restoration, which these funds will facilitate, will also further the objectives of the Joint-Proposal for the Ellwood Devereux Coast and the related Open Space and Habitat Management Plan.

In September of 2011, the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors approved a \$750,000 grant from the Coastal Resource Enhancement Fund (CREF), established by the county in 1987 to help mitigate the impacts off offshore oil and gas development, towards this property's acquisition, primarily to provide the opportunity to restore this site.

Again, I urge you to approve this grant request so that the permitting and planning process can begin, thus bringing us one step closer to returning this property to its historic wetland condition. Should you have any questions about my support for this project, please feel free to contact me at (805) 568-2192. I look forward to working with you to bring this unique project to completion.

Sincerely,

Doreen Farr  
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March 12, 2013

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

#### **RE: Support for the Upper Devereux Slough Restoration Planning Project**

Dear Chairman Mr. Bosco,

As Chair of the Southern California Wetlands Recovery Project Santa Barbara Task Force (SCWRP), I am pleased to express my strong support for the approval of \$869,300 in Coastal Conservancy and US Fish and Wildlife Service funding to the University of California, Santa Barbara to begin the planning and permitting processes for the Upper Devereux Slough Restoration Project.

The land to be restored is located at the eastern gateway to the Gaviota Coast, just north of the University of California's Coal Oil Point Reserve and east of the Sperling Preserve at Ellwood Mesa which the Conservancy helped to protect in 2005. This particular site is extremely significant because it connects the upper and lower arms of the Devereux Slough. The recent acquisition of the Ocean Meadows property has also now opened the door for the ecological restoration of the historic upper arms of Devereux Slough, which will provide for the opportunity to restore severely impacted coastal estuarine natural resources, open space and wildlife habitat. The Devereux Slough is currently recognized as an Important Bird Area and this enhancement of its historic function will enhance those benefits.

The Southern California Wetlands Recovery Project has also identified the acquisition and restoration of this historic wetland as a Tier 1 high priority project in Southern California. With predicted impacts from sea level rise and climate change, protecting coastal wetlands has become even more important.

I appreciate your consideration of this grant that will serve to protect this important ecosystem.

Sincerely,

Salud Carbajal  
First District Supervisor



**Santa Barbara Audubon Society, Inc.**

*A Chapter of the National Audubon Society*

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March 7, 2013

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

**RE: Support for the Upper Devereux Slough Restoration Project**

Dear Mr. Bosco:

On behalf of the Santa Barbara Chapter of the National Audubon Society, I am pleased to express my strong support for the approval of \$869,300 in Coastal Conservancy and US Fish and Wildlife Service funding to the University of California, Santa Barbara to begin the planning and permitting processes for the Upper Devereux Slough Restoration Project.

The land to be restored is located at the eastern gateway to the Gaviota Coast, just north of the University of California's Coal Oil Point Reserve and east of the Sperling Preserve at Ellwood Mesa, which the Conservancy helped to protect in 2005. This particular site is extremely significant because it connects the upper and lower arms of the Devereux Slough. The recent acquisition of the Ocean Meadows property, which Audubon has promoted since 1989, has completed the last piece of the land conservation puzzle in a complex of protected open spaces. It has also now opened the door for the ecological restoration the historic upper arms of Devereux Slough, which will provide for the permanent protection of natural resources, open space and wildlife habitat. The Devereux Slough is currently recognized as an Important Bird Area and this enhancement of its historic function will double those benefits.

Audubon Society has been actively involved with restoration and protection of wildlife resources in the area. In particular, the Society has played an active role in protecting the Western Snowy Plover which now nests on Sands Beach, adjacent to the mouth of Devereux Slough. With predicted impacts from sea level rise and climate change, protecting coastal wetlands has become even more important.

I urge you to approve this grant request so that the process to restore the Upper Devereux Slough can begin as soon as possible. Should you have any questions about my support for this project, please feel free to contact me at (805) 692-2008. I look forward to working with all the stakeholders to bring this unique project to completion.

Sincerely,

Darlene Chirman, President  
Santa Barbara Audubon Society

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March 11, 2013

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RE: **Support for the Ocean Meadows Restoration Planning Project**

Chairman Bosco and Commissioners:

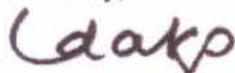
On behalf of the Environmental Defense Center (EDC), I want to express strong support for the approval of \$869,300 in Coastal Conservancy and US Fish and Wildlife Service funds to the University of California, Santa Barbara to begin the planning and permitting processes for the Upper Devereux Slough Restoration Project, located adjacent to Devereux Slough in Santa Barbara County.

The EDC is a public interest law firm headquartered in Santa Barbara that represents a variety of community organizations dedicated to a wide variety of environmental causes. Since 1997, the EDC has worked to advance environmental protection efforts in Santa Barbara, Ventura, and San Luis Obispo Counties, including the community's efforts to protect the Ellwood-Devereux ecosystem. The acquisition and restoration of the Upper Devereux Slough is critical to this entire ecosystem. Now that the acquisition is almost complete, the time to begin the restoration phase has arrived.

Approval of these funds will enable the planning and permitting process to begin that will result in the restoration of this property's coastal wetland habitat values, effectively doubling the existing wetland habitat in the Devereux Slough. It will also support and implement important recovery actions for five federally listed species. Restoring up to 113 acres of tidal and freshwater wetlands and connected uplands, this project has the potential to be one of the most significant coastal wetland habitat restoration projects along the entire south central California coast.

It is for all of these reasons that the EDC strongly urges the Conservancy Board to approve this funding for the permitting and planning phases, which are the precursors to the actual restoration of the site. Should you have any questions about the EDC's support for this project, please feel free to contact me at (805) 963-1622. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Linda Krop, Chief Counsel



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March 1, 2013

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**RE: Support for the Upper Devereux Slough Restoration Planning Project**

Chairman Mr. Bosco:

On behalf of the Gaviota Coast Conservancy, I am pleased to submit this letter expressing our strong support for the approval of \$869,300 in Coastal Conservancy and US Fish and Wildlife Service funding to the University of California, Santa Barbara to begin the planning and permitting processes for the Upper Devereux Slough Restoration Project.

The land to be restored is located at the eastern gateway to the Gaviota Coast, just north of the University of California's Coal Oil Point Reserve and east of the Sperling Preserve at Ellwood Mesa which the Coastal Conservancy helped to protect in 2005. This particular site is extremely significant because it connects the upper and lower arms of the Devereux Slough. The recent acquisition of the Ocean Meadows property, which the Gaviota Coast Conservancy has supported, has completed the last piece of the land conservation puzzle in a complex of protected open spaces. It has also now opened the door for the ecological restoration the historic upper arms of Devereux Slough, which will provide for the permanent protection of natural resources, open space and wildlife habitat. Protecting these resources provides an important opportunity for interpretation of the coastal resources in this unique biological mixing zone between northern and southern species.

The Gaviota Coast Conservancy is working towards protecting the natural resources along the whole Gaviota Coast and welcomes this opportunity to support protection of these southernmost units.

I urge you to approve this grant request so that the process to restore the Upper Devereux Slough can begin as soon as possible. I look forward to working with all the stakeholders to bring this unique project to fruition.

Sincerely,

Philip J. McKenna, Member of the Board of Directors

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March 1, 2013

### **RE: Support for the Upper Devereux Slough Restoration Planning Project**

Chairman Mr. Bosco:

On behalf of Coal Oil Point Reserve, I am pleased to submit this letter expressing my strong support for the approval of \$869,300 in Coastal Conservancy and US Fish and Wildlife Service funding to the University of California, Santa Barbara to begin the planning and permitting processes for the Upper Devereux Slough Restoration Project.

The land to be restored is located at the eastern gateway to the Gaviota Coast, just north of the University of California's Coal Oil Point Reserve and east of the Sperling Preserve at Ellwood Mesa which the Coastal Conservancy helped to protect in 2005. This particular site is extremely significant because it provides the opportunity to expand the ecological function of Devereux Slough to its historic extent. The recent acquisition of the Ocean Meadows property now allows for the restoration of the historic upper arms of Devereux Slough. Protecting these resources provides an important opportunity for us to deal with predicted impacts from global climate change such as sea level rise, loss of coastal habitats and intensification of storm events.

The restoration of this wetland will greatly enhance the biological functions of the entire Devereux Slough and, in turn, improve the Coal Oil Point Reserve.

I urge you to approve this grant request so that the process to restore the Upper Devereux Slough can begin as soon as possible. I look forward to working with all the stakeholders to bring this unique project to reality.

Sincerely,

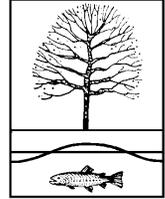
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Coal Oil Point Reserve Director

## SANTA BARBARA URBAN CREEKS COUNCIL

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April 1, 2013

Douglas Bosco, Chair  
California Coastal Conservancy  
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Oakland, CA 94612

### **RE: Support for the Upper Devereux Slough Restoration Planning Project**

Chairman Mr. Bosco:

On behalf of the Santa Barbara Urban Creeks Council, I am happy to submit this letter expressing our support for the approval of \$869,300 in Coastal Conservancy and US Fish and Wildlife Service funding to the University of California, Santa Barbara to begin the planning and permitting processes for the Upper Devereux Slough Restoration Project.

The land to be restored is located at the eastern gateway to the Gaviota Coast, just north of the University of California's Coal Oil Point Reserve and east of the Sperling Preserve at Ellwood Mesa, which the Coastal Conservancy helped to protect in 2005. This particular site is extremely significant because it provides the opportunity to expand the ecological function of Devereux Slough to its historic extent and support more natural connectivity between the creeks and the ocean. The recent acquisition of the Ocean Meadows property has completed the last piece of the land conservation puzzle in a complex of protected open spaces. It has also now opened the door for the ecological restoration the historic upper arms of Devereux Slough, which will provide for the permanent protection of natural resources, open space and wildlife habitat.

Founded in 1989, the mission of the Urban Creeks Council is to encourage the preservation, protection and restoration of urban streams. Given the location of the Devereux Creek and Devereux Slough in an urban area, preserving this property is a high priority for the Urban Creeks Council.

I urge you to approve this grant request so that the process to restore the Upper Devereux Slough can begin as soon as possible. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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Eddie Harris, President