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January 28, 2013

Douglas H. Bosco, Chairman  
California State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13<sup>th</sup> floor  
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I am writing in support of the Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation and Conservation District's request to the Conservancy for a \$500,000 grant to carry out the Humboldt Bay Spartina Eradication Project.

Invasive dense-flowered Spartina has infested over 90% of salt marshes in the three adjacent estuaries of Humboldt Bay, the Eel River Delta, and the Mad River Estuary. It is known to displace native vegetation, reducing the biodiversity of the salt marsh dramatically, reduce marsh productivity, and alter the benthic community. It is also beginning to colonize mudflats in the Bay. Mudflats provide critical foraging areas for migratory birds and are utilized for oyster culture, which is important to Humboldt Bay's economy.

In light of the historical loss of 90% of the wetlands in Humboldt Bay, it is critical that we eradicate invasive Spartina and restore our remaining marshes and the biodiversity they support.

I urge you to fund this most worthwhile project to protect and restore the tidal marshes in Humboldt Bay and the region, while building a strong community partnership for environmental stewardship.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact my office.

Respectfully,

  
WESLEY CHESBRO  
Assemblyman, 2<sup>nd</sup> District

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January 18, 2013

Douglas H. Bosco, Chairman  
 California State Coastal Conservancy  
 1330 Broadway, 13<sup>th</sup> floor  
 Oakland, CA 94612

**RE: Humboldt Bay Regional Invasive Spartina Project, Phase II**

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I am writing to extend my support for the Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation and Conservation District's request to the Conservancy for a \$500,000 grant to carry out the Humboldt Bay Spartina Eradication Project.

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I encourage the Conservancy support this important project which is of critical importance to the restoration of the tidal marshes in Humboldt Bay.

Sincerely,

NOREEN EVANS  
 Senator, 2<sup>nd</sup> District



## CITY OF EUREKA

531 K Street • Eureka, California 95501-1146

Douglas H. Bosco, Chairman  
California State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13<sup>th</sup> floor  
Oakland, CA 94612

January 11, 2013

Dear Chairman Bosco:

The City of Eureka wishes to express its support for the Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation and Conservation District's request to the Conservancy for a \$500,000 grant to carry out the Humboldt Bay Spartina Eradication Project. The City owns significant tidal marsh areas in Humboldt Bay, and anticipates working with the Harbor District and its partners to restore native marsh communities in these areas through the removal of invasive Spartina.

Invasive dense-flowered Spartina has infested over 90% of salt marshes in the three adjacent estuaries of Humboldt Bay, the Eel River Delta, and the Mad River Estuary. It is known to displace native vegetation, reducing the biodiversity of the salt marsh dramatically, reduce marsh productivity, and alter the benthic community. It is also beginning to colonize mudflats in the Bay. Mudflats provide critical foraging areas for migratory birds and are utilized for oyster culture, which is important to Humboldt Bay's economy. In light of the historical loss of 90% of the wetlands in Humboldt Bay, it is critical that we eradicate invasive Spartina and restore our remaining marshes and the biodiversity they support. We hope that you will fund this project to protect and restore the tidal marshes in Humboldt Bay and the region, while building a strong community partnership for environmental stewardship.

Sincerely,

Miles Slattery  
Deputy Public Works Director

cc: File

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January 14, 2013

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Doug Bosco, Chair  
California Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13<sup>th</sup> floor  
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

Re: Invasive Spartina Eradication Project

Dear Chairman Bosco:

On behalf of the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors, I am writing to express support for the Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation and Conservation District's request to the Conservancy for a \$500,000 grant to carry out the Humboldt Bay Spartina Eradication Project.

Invasive dense-flowered Spartina has infested over 90% of salt marshes in the three adjacent estuaries of Humboldt Bay, the Eel River Delta, and the Mad River Estuary. It is known to displace native vegetation, reducing the biodiversity of the salt marsh dramatically, reduce marsh productivity, and alter the benthic community. It is also beginning to colonize mudflats in the Bay. Mudflats provide critical foraging areas for migratory birds and are utilized for oyster culture, which is important to Humboldt Bay's economy.

In light of the historical loss of 90% of the wetlands in Humboldt Bay, it is critical that we eradicate invasive Spartina and restore our remaining marshes and the biodiversity they support.

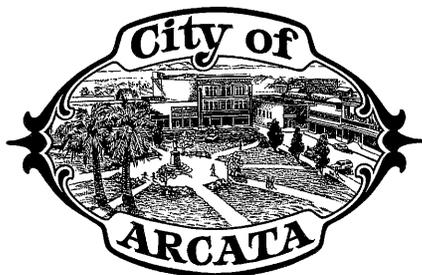
We hope that you will fund this project to protect and restore the tidal marshes in Humboldt Bay and the region, while building a strong community partnership for environmental stewardship.

Sincerely,

Ryan Sundberg, Chair  
Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

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Exhibit 5: Project Letters



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January 15, 2013

Douglas H. Bosco, Chair  
California State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13<sup>th</sup> floor  
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Chair Bosco:

The City of Arcata wishes to express its support for the Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation and Conservation District's request to the Conservancy for a \$500,000 grant to employ mechanical control methods for the Humboldt Bay *Spartina* Eradication Project. The City owns significant tidal marsh areas in Humboldt Bay and has invested significant resources to restore and enhance them. We are actively working to control *Spartina* in our marshes, and look forward to working with the Harbor District and its partners to restore native marsh communities throughout the Bay by removing invasive *Spartina* using mechanical control methods.

Invasive dense-flowered *Spartina* has infested over 90% of salt marshes in the three adjacent estuaries of Humboldt Bay, the Eel River Delta, and the Mad River Estuary. It is known to displace native vegetation, reducing the biodiversity of the salt marsh dramatically, reducing marsh productivity, and altering the benthic community. It is also beginning to colonize mudflats in the Bay. Mudflats provide critical foraging areas for migratory birds and are utilized for oyster culture, which is important to Humboldt Bay's economy. In light of the historical loss of 90% of the wetlands in Humboldt Bay, it is critical that we eradicate invasive *Spartina* and restore our remaining marshes and the biodiversity they support. While the City does not support the use of herbicides, we hope that you will fund this project to use mechanical methods to protect and restore the tidal marshes in Humboldt Bay and the region, while building a strong community partnership for environmental stewardship.

Sincerely,

MARK S. ANDRÉ  
Director  
Environmental Services Department



In Reply Refer  
To:

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January 15, 2013

Douglas H. Bosco, Chairman  
California State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13<sup>th</sup> floor  
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Chairman Bosco:

The Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge (Refuge) is an enthusiastic supporter of the Humboldt Bay Harbor District's proposal for the Humboldt Bay Invasive Spartina Eradication Project. We intend to support the project by providing an amphibious vehicle (Marshmaster) with mowing, disking, and rototilling attachments for use in Spartina removal activities in Humboldt Bay salt marshes. The project provides an opportunity for the Refuge to continue our mission of restoring tidal marshes for wildlife habitat. The Refuge has invested significant time and resources in eradicating Spartina from within its boundaries and supporting regional eradication over the last decade, with the much appreciated assistance of the Conservancy. Through this effort, a significant foothold has been established from which to expand restoration efforts to a broader area. This grant will allow us to complete follow-up treatments within the Refuge and move on to eradication outside our boundaries.

Invasive dense-flowered Spartina has infested over 90% of salt marshes in the three adjacent estuaries of Humboldt Bay, the Eel River Delta, and the Mad River Estuary. It is known to displace native vegetation, reducing the biodiversity of the salt marsh dramatically, reduce marsh productivity, and alter the benthic community. It is also beginning to colonize mudflats in the Bay. Mudflats provide critical foraging areas for migratory birds and are utilized for oyster culture, which is important to Humboldt Bay's economy. In light of the historical loss of 90% of the wetlands in Humboldt Bay, it is critical that we eradicate invasive Spartina and restore our remaining marshes and the biodiversity they support. We hope that you will fund this project to protect and restore the tidal marshes in Humboldt Bay and the region, while building a strong community partnership for environmental stewardship.

Sincerely,

*Eric Nelson*

Acting For

Eric Nelson

Refuge Manager

Humboldt Bay NWR Complex

Loleta, CA 95551

March 31, 2013

Joel Gerwein, Project Manager  
Attention: Chairman Douglas Bosco, Conservancy Board  
California Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612

Re: Comments on the Humboldt Bay Spartina Eradication Project

My name is Kimberly Tays, and I am a resident of Trinidad, California. I recently read the overview and various comment letters from the general public, environmental organizations and various public agencies re: the above project.

I am enthusiastic and supportive of the plan to restore Humboldt Bay and the Eel and Mad River estuaries to a more natural state, but I am concerned about the proposed use of herbicides to achieve that goal.

I believe herbicides, if applied sparingly and carefully, can be a safe and effective tool for eradication of invasive plant species. However, I do not support the use of herbicides next to environmentally sensitive waterways because of the likely impacts to native plants, birds and other wildlife that use the Bay and estuaries for foraging and nesting habitats.

I support Humboldt Baykeeper's recommendation that the Conservancy adopt Alternative 1 (using Mechanical Methods Only) for the Spartina Eradication Project, because it would do the least environmental damage while achieving the restoration goals of the plan.

Thank you for your consideration of my concerns re: this important and worthwhile restoration project. If the Conservancy should, in the future, organize a volunteer work group for this restoration project, I would be interested in helping.

Sincerely,  
Kimberly Tays  
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