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May 14, 2013

Tom Gandesbery
California State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, Suite 1300
Oakland, CA 94612

RE: Eastern San Pablo Bay Shoreline – Wetland and Creek Habitat Restoration Project

Dear Tom,

This letter is in support of the grant application by Marin County Parks to fund the ***Mdnnis Marsh Habitat Restoration Project***. Parks has submitted an application to the Coastal Conservancy to fund the preparation of a feasibility study to restore Mdnnis marsh. This project represents a collaborative effort by Parks, Marin County Flood Control and Water Conservation District and the Las Gallinas Valley Sanitary District, and has our support along with that of other local and regional environmental groups.

This ***Mdnnis Marsh Habitat Restoration Project*** represents an outstanding opportunity to restore up to 200 acres of tidal marsh and transitional marsh habitats, resulting in benefits to numerous marine, estuarine, and freshwater species, and will contribute to the recovery of sensitive species, including the California clapper rail and steelhead trout. This project will contribute to the restoration of six miles of natural shoreline and habitat along western San Pablo Bay that extends from China Camp State Park in the south to the Petaluma River in the north. We are urging this study be funded to provide this key link between China Camp state park and the Hamilton restoration.

Sincerely,

Judy Schriebman
Secretary, Gallinas Watershed Council

April 25, 2013

Tom Gandesbery
California State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, Suite 1300
Oakland, CA 94612

RE: Eastern San Pablo Bay Shoreline – Wetland and Creek Habitat Restoration Project

Dear Tom,

This letter is to offer my support for the grant application before you for to fund the ***McInnis Marsh Habitat Restoration Project***. Marin County Parks (Parks) submitted an application to the Coastal Conservancy to fund the preparation of a feasibility study to restore McInnis marsh. This project represents a collaborative effort among Parks, Marin County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, and the Las Gallinas Valley Sanitary District and enjoys the support of the Las Gallinas Watershed Program and local and regional environmental groups.

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I look forward to our agencies working together to advance this incredible restoration opportunity.

Tisha Kahl
Sincerely,

TISHA KAHL
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I live 3 houses from the levy, part of this restoration project. I am directly affected & would like to ask for your support on this.
Thank you!
Tisha

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May 13, 2013

Tom Gandesbery
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Dear Mr. Gandesbery:

This letter is to urge approval of the McInnis Marsh grant application to fund a feasibility study for the McInnis Marsh Habitat Restoration Project. This application represents a tremendous opportunity for the Coastal Conservancy to protect and restore the wetlands along the Eastern Marin Shoreline of the San Francisco Bay.

The McInnis Marsh is a 200-acre region of diked wetlands located within McInnis Park, approximately 20 miles north of San Francisco, on the west shore of the San Pablo Bay in central Marin County, California. The site lies within the historic confluence of Gallinas and Miller Creeks, encompassing a 23-square-mile watershed.

This application represents collaboration among Marin County Parks, Marin County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, and the Las Gallinas Valley Sanitary District.

The project will ultimately realign Miller Creek across McInnis Park and re-connect the creek to the sub-tidal channel reaches of the marsh. It will also remove and realign the levees on McInnis Park to facilitate the establishment of wetland/transition and upland habitats.

I am pleased to support the McInnis Marsh Habitat Restoration Project.

Sincerely,

MARC LEVINE
Assemblymember, 10th Assembly District

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May 20, 2013

Tom Gandesbery
California State Coastal Conservancy
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Oakland, CA 94612

Re: Eastern San Pablo Bay Shoreline – McInnis Marsh Habitat Restoration Project

Dear Mr. Gandesbery:

I write in support of the recently submitted grant application from Marin County Parks (Parks) to fund the McInnis Marsh Habitat Restoration Project. The funds that Parks is seeking will be used to prepare a feasibility study to restore McInnis Marsh.

This project represents a collaborative effort among Parks, Marin County Flood Control and Water Conservation District and the Las Gallinas Valley Sanitary District, and enjoys the strong support of the Las Gallinas Watershed Program and local and regional environmental groups.

The McInnis Marsh Habitat Restoration Project provides an outstanding opportunity to restore up to 200 acres of tidal marsh and transitional marsh habitats. This restoration will benefit numerous marine estuarine and freshwater species and will contribute to the recovery of sensitive species, including the California clapper rail and steelhead trout. In addition, the project will contribute to the restoration of six miles of natural shoreline and habitat along western San Pablo Bay extending from China Camp State Park to the Petaluma River.

The proposed project would be a great asset to the district I represent and I hope you will give it every consideration. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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NOREEN EVANS
Senator, 2nd District

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