



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**  
**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**  
NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE

West Coast Region  
777 Sonoma Avenue, Room 325  
Santa Rosa, California 95404-4731

November 12, 2013

Doug Bosco, Chair  
California State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, Suite 1300  
Oakland, California 94612

Dear Mr. Bosco:

On December 5, 2013, the California State Coastal Conservancy (SCC) Board of Directors will consider approving a grant of up to \$450,000 to the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District (MPWMD) to prepare engineering, permitting, and environmental review documents to improve the water intake structure of the Sleepy Hollow Steelhead Rearing Facility, located on the Carmel River in Monterey, California.

NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) supports this project, in that the Sleepy Hollow Steelhead Rearing Facility is critical in preserving and rearing juvenile steelhead during the summer months when the Carmel River dries back due to overpumping. The intake system needs improvement to ensure water is able to be delivered to the facility without interruption which would result in the death of thousands of listed South-Central California Coast steelhead.

NMFS recommends the SCC Board approve the grant to MPWMD for the development of the intake system at Sleepy Hollow.

Thank you for your consideration of this critical project and your support for listed steelhead. If you have any questions, please contact me at (707) 575-6064 or [joyce.ambrosius@noaa.gov](mailto:joyce.ambrosius@noaa.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joyce Ambrosius".

Joyce Ambrosius  
Acting, North Central Coast Office Supervisor

cc: I. Lagomarsino, NMFS, Arcata  
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