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Su Corbaley
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Dear Ms. Corbaley:

I am writing in support of the Mattole Salmon Group's application to the Coastal Conservancy for a $200,000 grant for restoration of the Mattole River estuary. This project will include planning, design, and implementation of improvements to estuary rearing conditions for three federally-listed threatened salmonids during the critical spring through fall period.

The Mattole River watershed is still recovering from decades of major land disturbances such as extensive logging, road building, and both flood and drought, which, in combination with its unique geology, has resulted in significantly reduced salmonid populations. The estuary currently provides poor habitat for migrating salmonids due to high water temperatures and lack of shelter. This project seeks to improve riparian and off-channel habitat by placing 100 whole trees in the river for immediate rearing fish habitat, planting thousands of riparian trees and cuttings, and finalizing analysis and designs to reconnect significant off-channel slough habitat.

This project is part of the larger 5 Year Estuary Restoration Plan developed by the Bureau of Land Management and their partners. Coastal Conservancy funding is necessary to help leverage additional funds to complete this next phase of important restoration work in the Mattole watershed.

Thank you for your full and fair consideration.

Sincerely,

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April 14, 2014

Susan A. Corbaley, Project Manager
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Re: Support for Mattole Estuary Restoration Plan and Designs, and Implementation Project

Dear Ms. Corbaley:

I am writing in support of the Mattole Estuary Restoration Plan and Designs, and Implementation project. The Mattole Salmon Group (MSG) seeks $200,000 in funds from the State Coastal Conservancy (SCC) to restore the Mattole River estuary.

The MSG, the Mattole Restoration Council and many local, regional, state, and federal partners have been working for 3 decades to restore salmon habitat in the Mattole River. This project is designed to create immediate improvements in fish habitat for state and federal endangered salmonid species deal. The project is a part of a larger 5 Year Estuary Restoration Plan developed by BLM and their partners. This project will place 100 whole trees in the river for fish habitat, plant thousands of riparian trees and cuttings, and finalize analysis and designs to reconnect significant off – channel slough habitat.

I believe the Mattole River estuary restoration is an excellent opportunity for the SCC to invest in a significant restoration project. This project, with support from the SCC, will help to leverage needed funds to piece together this next phase of restoration in the Mattole.

The Mattole Salmon Group is an important partner in my district and I urge you to fund the proposal. Thank you for your consideration of this most worthwhile project. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Respectfully,

WESLEY CHESBRO
Assemblyman, 2nd District

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Cc: Sungnome Madrone, Executive Director, Mattole Salmon Group
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April 23, 2014

Douglas Bosco, Chairman
State Coastal Conservancy
Attn: Sue Corbaley
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
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Re: Support for Mattole Estuary Restoration Plan and Designs, and Implementation Project

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I am writing in support of the Mattole Estuary Restoration Plan and Designs, and Implementation project submitted by the Mattole Salmon Group (MSG) to the Conservancy for funding consideration. The proposed project will focus efforts on watershed planning and restoration in the Mattole River estuary.

The MSG, the Mattole Restoration Council has a long history of successful habitat restoration work. The organization and many local, regional, state, and federal partners have been working for many years to restore salmon habitat in the Mattole River. This project will create significant improvements in fish habitat for state and federal threatened salmonid species. Coastal ecosystems are among the Earth's most productive biological communities and salmon are key indicators of the ecosystem's health. Restoration of the Mattole River estuary is an excellent opportunity for the SCC to invest in an important and necessary planning, restoration and monitoring project.

The Mattole Salmon Group is an important partner in my district and I urge your positive consideration of this proposed project. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

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NOREEN EVANS
Senator, 2ND District

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cc: Sungnome Madrone, Executive Director, Mattole Salmon Group

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April 14, 2014

Susan A. Corbaley
Project Manager
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Dear Ms. Corbaley:

The Humboldt County Board of Supervisors supports the Mattole Salmon Group's funding request to the California State Coastal Conservancy for their fisheries restoration project in the estuary area of the Mattole River. This project will place 100 whole trees in the river for fish habitat, plant thousands of riparian trees and cuttings, and finalize analysis and designs to reconnect significant off-channel slough habitat…..all within the First District.

This project is designed to create immediate improvements in fish habitat assisting these endangered salmonid species deal with drought and other impacts. The project is a part of a larger 5 Year Estuary Restoration Plan developed by BLM and their partners.

Partners in this project include the Bureau of Land Management, US Fish and Wildlife Service, NOAA, The Nature Conservancy, the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, CA Department of Water Resources, and the CA Department of Fish and Wildlife, local landowners, and the Mattole Restoration Council, and the State Coastal Conservancy.

The Mattole Salmon Group, the Mattole Restoration Council and many local, regional, state, and federal partners have been working for three decades to restore salmon habitat in the Mattole. These efforts are beginning to pay off as headwaters streams clear quicker after a storm and as significant instream habitat in the headwaters and estuary areas gets restored.

This project, with support from the State Coastal Conservancy, will help to leverage needed funds to piece together this next phase of restoration in the Mattole.

Our Board strongly supports the efforts of the Mattole Salmon Group and their partners and respectfully requests your approval of this very important funding request.

Sincerely,

Rex Bohn, Chair
Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

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cc: Michael Evenson
President, Board of Directors
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Sungnome Madrone
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Dear Sungnome:

The purpose of this letter is to express support for restoration work in the Mattole River estuary proposed by the Mattole River and Range Partnership (MRRP). The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) manages the Mattole River estuary and has been working in partnership with local restoration organizations to improve estuary conditions and restore Pacific salmon populations in the Mattole River for over 30 years.

The BLM and partners are initiating the second year of a five year plan to improve habitat conditions in the estuary. The proposed work will help implement components of this plan by adding large wood to the river channel, treating terrace margins, and improving riparian health. This work will enhance several projects completed over the last decade in partnership with federal agencies, state agencies, and MRRP member organizations.

Thank you for your continued work to improve habitat for Pacific salmon in the Mattole River. If you have questions or need further information please contact David Fuller at (707) 825-2315.

Sincerely,

for

Lynda Roush
Arcata Field Manager