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January 15, 2015

Douglas Bosco, Chair  
California Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13<sup>th</sup> Floor  
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Dear Chair Bosco:

On behalf of the Delta Science Program, I am encouraging the Coastal Conservancy Board to approve a grant to the San Francisco Estuary Partnership (SFEP) to help support the 2015 State of the Estuary Conference.

The Delta Science Program appreciates the opportunity this conference affords our scientists to interact with policy-makers, other scientists, academics and the public on issues important to the San Francisco estuary and to advance our understanding of those issues.

The 12<sup>th</sup> biennial State of the Estuary Conference will be organized and run by SFEP who has a long track record of developing the conference themes, agenda, panels and speakers in collaboration with all the key agencies and entities concerned with estuary issues. SFEP provides the same services for our bi-annual Bay-Delta science conferences. The performance of SFEP staff has always been exceptional.

We urge your support of this effort.

Sincerely,

Rainer Hoenicke, Deputy Executive Officer  
Delta Science Program

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*"Coequal goals" means the two goals of providing a more reliable water supply for California and protecting, restoring, and enhancing the Delta ecosystem. The coequal goals shall be achieved in a manner that protects and enhances the unique cultural, recreational, natural resource, and agricultural values of the Delta as an evolving place."*



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Douglas Bosco, Chair  
California Coastal Conservancy  
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Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Chair Bosco,

Point Blue Conservation Science strongly urges the Coastal Conservancy Board to support the San Francisco Estuary Partnership's proposal to organize the 2015 State of the Estuary Conference in Oakland, CA.

Point Blue's mission is to advance the conservation of birds, other wildlife, and ecosystems through science, partnerships, and outreach. Our 140 scientists work to reduce the impacts of habitat loss, climate change, and other environmental threats while promoting nature-based solutions for wildlife and people, on land and at sea. Point Blue continues to serve on the State of the Estuary Conference Planning Steering Committee to help develop conference themes, select speakers, and organize sessions.

The State of the Estuary Conference has always been and continues to be an important venue for Point Blue and many other organizations to present current results and recommendations to resource managers, planners and other decision makers. It also provides an important space for decision-makers to communicate their management objectives and science needs to those best positioned to address those needs. Without the State of the Estuary Conference, the crucial exchange of information among scientists and decision-makers would be diminished.

We urge your support for the San Francisco Estuary Partnership's proposal to organize the 2015 State of the Estuary Conference.

Sincerely,

Ellie Cohen  
President & CEO

*Thanks so much!*



January 15, 2015

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

Dear Chair Bosco:

On behalf of Save the Bay, I urge the Coastal Conservancy Board to approve the pending grant proposal from the San Francisco Estuary Partnership to support the 2013 State of the Estuary Conference.

Save The Bay is the oldest and largest organization working to protect and restore San Francisco Bay, with more than 50 years of accomplishments. The biennial State of the Estuary Conference is an extremely valuable tool for us, the Coastal Conservancy, our colleague organizations, and other agencies, research institutions, and the general public to advance our understanding of the bay and how to make it healthier.

The 12<sup>th</sup> biennial State of the Estuary Conference in 2015 will be organized and run by the San Francisco Estuary Partnership, with which Save The Bay is an active participant. The SFEP has a long track record of developing the conference themes, agenda, panels, and speakers in collaboration with all of the key agencies and entities concerned with bay and estuarine issues.

We urge your support of this effort.

Sincerely,



David Lewis  
Executive Director



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January 16, 2015

Douglas Bosco  
Chairman of the Board  
California Coastal Conservancy  
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Dear Mr. Bosco:

The Coastal Conservancy is considering a grant to the San Francisco Estuary Partnership to help support the 2015 State of the Estuary Conference. I write to encourage the Board to approve the grant request. The funds will support this important gathering of scientists, managers and the public scheduled for September 17-18, 2015.

An almost “perfect storm” of sea level rise, drought, and local/state/federal legislation will converge in 2015 to focus public, media and political attention on the health, resiliency and long term fate of the San Francisco Bay Delta. These forces will provide the opportunity for the State of the Estuary Conference to be a landmark event with the potential to inspire and define the ecological future for the Bay Delta ecosystem.

The conference brings together managers, scientists, academics, and the public interested in Bay Delta issues. It is the forum for this broad community to discuss management lessons, restoration progress, and next steps to preserve, protect and enhance the Bay Delta. The immediate outcome of this conference will be improved understanding of the issues by all parties and expanded connections between decision-makers, scientists and the public.

The State of the Estuary Conference will be organized and run by the San Francisco Estuary Partnership. The Partnership has a long track record of developing the conference themes, agenda, panels, and speakers in collaboration with all the key agencies and entities concerned with Bay Delta issues. The San Francisco Estuary Institute is working closely with the Partnership to plan the conference. In particular, one of the Institute’s largest programs, the Regional Monitoring Program for Water Quality in San Francisco Bay, will merge its annual meeting with the conference. This synergy will further expand the audience and breadth of topics presented at the conference.

We urge you to support this effort.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W. Chabot', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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January 14, 2015

Douglas Bosco  
Chairman of the Board  
California Coastal Conservancy  
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Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Bosco:

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for the San Francisco Estuary Partnership's proposal to the California Coastal Conservancy to help support the upcoming 2015 State of the Estuary Conference. The community of policy-makers, scientists, academics, and the public interested in bay issues have come to rely on the biennial State of the Estuary Conference as an essential tool to communicate management lessons and to better define the actions needed to preserve, protect and enhance the ecology of our San Francisco Bay region.

The 2015 State of the Estuary Conference will be the 12<sup>th</sup> conference of its kind put on by the San Francisco Estuary Partnership. The partnership has a long track record of developing the conference themes, agenda, panels and speakers in collaboration with all the key agencies and entities concerned with bay estuary issues. The results of past conferences have been better information available to both decision-makers and to the public.

Thank you for the consideration of this important proposal.

Sincerely,

John Frawley  
President and CEO  
The Bay Institute  
Aquarium of the Bay