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January 13, 2015

Doug Bosco, Chairman
California State Coastal Conservancy
Attn: Michael Bowen
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
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Dear Mr. Bosco:

I am writing in support of the Klamath Basin Rangeland Trust's (KBRT) application for funds to implement diffuse-source treatment wetlands in the Wood River Valley. While these projects will be built in southern Oregon, they will have profound positive effects on water quality in the Klamath River, which flows into the Pacific Ocean in my district.

The Wood River Valley is a major contributor of nitrogen and phosphorus to Upper Klamath Lake. Extensive monitoring and research in the Klamath Basin indicate that Upper Klamath Lake experiences high nutrient levels that fuel algae blooms that harm fish, create public safety issues and damage public trust resources. The lake is a major source of dissolved and particulate nitrogen and phosphorus to downstream reaches of the Klamath River.

The KBRT proposes to address this serious nutrient loading problem by implementing a network of diffuse-source treatment wetlands. These wetlands will reduce nutrient concentrations in irrigation return flows and reduce external nutrient loading to Upper Klamath Lake and the Klamath River. KBRT is implementing the first phase of the treatment wetland program and will provide important information to project partners and collaborators to allow the program to expand and increase its effectiveness.

This project represents a strong two-state collaboration that aims to tackle water quality issues at a basin-wide scale. Thank you for your full and fair consideration.

Sincerely,


JARED HUFFMAN
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Mr. Doug Bosco, Chairman
California State Coastal Conservancy
Attn: Michael Bowen
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Dear Chairman Bosco:

I am writing in strong support of Klamath Basin Rangeland Trust's (KBRT) grant application for \$200,000 to implement a diffuse source treatment wetlands pilot project in the Wood River Valley of Klamath County, Oregon. The Wood River Valley has been identified as a major contributor of nitrogen and phosphorus to Upper Klamath Lake. High nutrient levels in the lake fuel algae blooms and the effects persist downstream, contributing to the decline of fisheries in the Lower Klamath River in California as well.

According to the applicant, one of the tools that can be used to address nutrient loading in the Upper Klamath Basin is to implement a network of diffuse source treatment wetlands, which will reduce nutrient concentrations in irrigation return flows and reduce the external loading to Upper Klamath Lake and the Klamath River. KBRT is implementing the first phase of the treatment wetland program and will provide important information to project partners and collaborators to allow the program to expand and increase its effectiveness.

As I understand, this project and funding proposal represent a strong bi-state collaboration that aims to tackle water quality issues at a basin-wide scale. To that end, KBRT has gathered together a wide variety partners within Oregon and California to support and ensure the success of the pilot project. KBRT has shown through past accomplishments a strong ability to collaborate with partners and to effectively and efficiently complete projects.

I urge your full and fair consideration and support for KBRT's application. Please do not hesitate to contact me at my Medford district office if I can provide any other information about this crucial project.

Sincerely,

Greg Walden
Member of Congress



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January 14, 2015

Mr. Doug Bosco, Chairman
California State Coastal Conservancy
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Dear Mr. Bosco:

The purpose of this letter is to provide information relevant to the Klamath Basin Rangeland Trust (KBRT) application for funds to implement diffuse source treatment wetlands in the Wood River Valley.

The Wood River Valley has been identified as a major contributor of nitrogen and phosphorus to Upper Klamath Lake. High nutrient levels in the lake fuel algae blooms and extensive monitoring and research conducted in the Klamath Basin indicate that Upper Klamath Lake is a major source of dissolved and particulate nitrogen and phosphorus to downstream reaches of the Klamath River. Poor water quality in the lower river (e.g., algal blooms, low dissolved oxygen, high pH) is one important reason for the decline of fisheries in the basin as a whole.

The Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB) is the largest public funder of restoration and conservation work in the State of Oregon. Grants are funded through a combination of sources: The Oregon Lottery, federal dollars made available through the Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Fund and other sources, and Oregon salmon license plate revenue. OWEB provides funding through traditional, competitive grant-making processes and through "Special Investment Partnership Investments" (or SIPs) in which public and private programs partner to achieve common outcomes and share the costs of implementing restoration efforts. In 2012, OWEB awarded funding for an Upper Klamath SIP, which involves KBRT and other partners.

OWEB's funding has been used by local groups such as KBRT to restore and protect habitats for native fish and wildlife and address water-quality issues. Since 1997, OWEB has invested approximately \$13,229,000 in the Klamath Basin through its traditional grant programs. These funds have supported a variety of project types such as restoration, acquisition, technical assistance, outreach, and organizational capacity. In addition, OWEB has provided \$1.2 million through the Upper Klamath SIP.

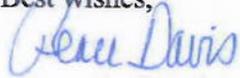
Diffuse source treatment wetlands have the potential to address nutrient loading in Upper Klamath Basin. KBRT is implementing the first phase of the treatment wetland

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program—with funding from OWEB and others—and will provide important information to project partners and collaborators to allow the program to expand and increase its effectiveness.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at 503/986-0203 or renee.davis@oweb.state.or.us.

Best wishes,



Renee Davis
Deputy Director



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United States Department of the Interior



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Dear California State Coastal Conservancy Board:

The Klamath Basin Rangeland Trust (KBRT) is submitting an application to the California State Coastal Conservancy for a restoration grant. Funds received through the grant would be used to conduct an Upper Klamath Basin Diffuse Source Treatment Wetland Pilot Study in the Wood River Valley of Oregon. These wetlands would serve as a pilot project to address external loading of nutrients such as phosphorus that likely contribute significantly to Upper Klamath Lake's poor water quality.

Poor water quality is believed to negatively affect some life stages of the endangered shortnose sucker (*Chasmistes brevirostris*) and the endangered Lost River sucker (*Deltistes luxatus*). We believe this approach to address water quality is very important, as reflected by the funding commitment we have made to the project. Based on the potential benefits of the project, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) is working collaboratively with KBRT on this project and fully supports the grant application.

The treatment wetlands should filter agricultural runoff to decrease external loading produced while not adversely affecting the current agricultural operations on the landscape. KBRT will monitor the effectiveness of the wetlands in treating water quality and apply lessons learned from the pilot project to pursue additional efforts that improve water quality in Upper Klamath Lake.

We hope the Coastal Conservancy agrees with our support for this proposal and finds it worthy of funding. Please contact Jared McKee of my staff at 541-885-2522 if you need further information regarding our support for this proposal.

Sincerely,

Laurie R. Sada
Field Supervisor

cc: Jared Bottcher, Executive Director, KBRT

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January 7, 2015

Doug Bosco, Chairman
California State Coastal Conservancy
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The purpose of this letter is to provide support for proposed implement of diffuse source treatment wetlands in the Wood River Valley. The Wood River Valley has been identified as a major contributor of nitrogen and phosphorus to Upper Klamath Lake. High nutrient levels in the lake fuel algae blooms and extensive monitoring and research conducted in the Klamath Basin indicate that Upper Klamath Lake is a major source of dissolved and particulate nitrogen and phosphorus to downstream reaches of the Klamath River. Poor water quality in the lower river (e.g., algal blooms, low dissolved oxygen, and high pH) is one important reason for the decline of fisheries in the basin as a whole. One of the tools to address nutrient loading in the Upper Basin is to implement a network of diffuse source treatment wetlands, which will reduce nutrient concentrations in irrigation return flows and reduce the external loading to Upper Klamath Lake and the Klamath River. KBRT in close collaboration with a number of key partners is moving forwarding with the first phase of a treatment wetland program. NRCS supports any assistance which will further this collaborative effort to address water quality issues in the Wood River. If you have any further questions you may contact me as indicated below.

Thank You,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K. Conroy".

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