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March 9, 2015

Mr. Doug Bosco, Chairman
California State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

Dear Mr. Bosco,

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) wishes to express its support for the efforts of the Sonoma Resource Conservation District (RCD) to expand their efforts for implementing on the ground conservation projects through their LandSmart Program (www.landsmart.org) by completing a CEQA document that covers typically practices implemented by farmers and ranchers in their program.

The proposed funding request would enable the RCD to prepare an environmental document pursuant to the CEQA that analyzes the environmental impacts of its LandSmart conservation practices throughout Sonoma County watersheds, including the Russian River, Petaluma River, Sonoma Creek, Stemple Creek, and Gualala River.

The NRCS works closely with the Sonoma RCD on the ground implementation of conservation practices on farms and ranches throughout the county and our landowner clients would benefit from their practices and projects falling under this CEQA document. A completed environmental document will enable the Sonoma RCD to meet CEQA requirements, streamline permitting processes and subsequently implement practices that improve upland and aquatic habitat, improve fish passage, improve water use efficiency, control erosion and soil loss, reduce sediment delivery to steam systems via rain and storm water runoff, and adapt to climate change.

Thank you for your consideration of the Sonoma RCD's proposal.

Sincerely,

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