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February 20, 2015

Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chair
State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Re: Letter of Support for the Dutch Slough Tidal Marsh Restoration Project Grant Proposal

Dear Mr. Bosco:

As the State Assemblymember representing far eastern Contra Costa County and the former Mayor of Oakley, I write in strong support of the Coastal Conservancy's grant proposal for construction of the Dutch Slough Tidal Marsh Restoration Project.

Over the past thirty years, eastern Contra Costa County has undergone a rapid urbanization which underscores the vital importance of the Dutch Slough Tidal Marsh Restoration Project to the region. Your approval of the Coastal Conservancy's \$2,750,000 grant proposal is crucial as it will engender a matching \$1,400,000 grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and \$1,000,000 grant from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. These federal and Conservancy grant funds will strategically augment significant funding in place from the California Department of Water Resources and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, and bolster the decade of work these and other collaborating partner agencies have undertaken to bring this important project to fruition.

In accordance with the Coastal Conservancy's mission to preserve California's coast and San Francisco Bay lands for future generations, the Dutch Slough Tidal Marsh Restoration Project will restore tidal marsh and associated wetland, riparian, and terrestrial habitats and natural ecological processes on 1,178 acres in the City of Oakley. With your funding support, it will enable the first large-scale tidal wetland restoration in the Delta, providing critically-needed habitat for native fish and wildlife, including rapidly-declining species such as Chinook salmon and Sacramento split tail. The project will also contribute to the scientific understanding of marsh restoration, providing valuable information for other restoration efforts in the Delta while increasing the ecological well-being of the Delta. Additionally, it will create vital open space and provide public access to the Delta shoreline and offer recreational opportunities complementing the adjacent proposed City of Oakley Community Park and the Big Break Regional Shoreline.

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Sincerely,



JIM FRAZIER
State Assemblymember, 11th A.D.

cc: Jeff Melby, State Coastal Conservancy Project Manager

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February 5, 2015

Douglas Bosco, Chair
State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

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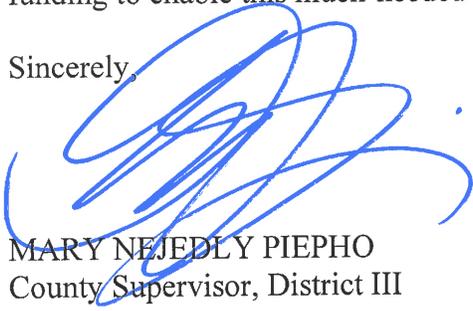
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Sincerely,



MARY NEJEDLY PIEPHO
County Supervisor, District III

cc: Jeff Melby, Project Manager, State Coastal Conservancy

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February 5, 2015

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State Coastal Conservancy
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Campbell Ingram". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'C'.

Campbell Ingram
Executive Officer

cc: Jeff Melby, Project Manager

DELTA PROTECTION COMMISSION

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February 26, 2015

Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors

Douglas Bosco, Chair
 California Coastal Conservancy
 1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
 Oakland, CA 94612

Sacramento County Board of Supervisors

Re: Support for Project 02-066-02, Dutch Slough Tidal Marsh Restoration Project

San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors

Dear Chairman Bosco:

Solano County Board of Supervisors

The Delta Protection Commission staff writes in support of the above-referenced project, which would disburse up to \$5,150,000 to Reclamation District 2137 for restoring the Emerson and Gilbert parcels. The tidal marsh restoration will produce long-term environmental benefits by restoring native habitat for plant and animal species that are threatened by loss of critical habitat. It will also generate useful information about re-establishing natural ecological processes and habitats, which will help to guide future restoration efforts in the Delta. As noted in our previous comment letters, the staff has found that this project's restoration of habitat on publicly owned land is consistent with Natural Resources Policy No. 7 of the Commission's Land Use and Resource Management Plan.

Yolo County Board of Supervisors

Cities of Contra Costa and Solano Counties

Cities of Sacramento and Yolo Counties

Cities of San Joaquin County

Central Delta Reclamation Districts

We are particularly excited about the project's public access component, which will provide recreational facilities, as well as opportunities to educate visitors about the Delta. The loop trail, encompassing the Emerson parcel, will connect to the East Bay Regional Park District's trail system. This loop trail offers an opportunity for interpretive signs that can educate the public about the history of the Delta, as well as its cultural and natural resources. In addition, the loop trail could become part of a regional recreational trail system, called the Great California Delta Trail, which the Commission is working to complete. When completed, the Delta Trail will be an interconnected regional network of land and water trails fostering a physical and visual connection to the Delta. As you can see from the enclosed map, the Great Delta Trail Blueprint calls for a mixed use unpaved trail in the project vicinity. We look forward to working with the Reclamation District to explore ways to coordinate the project's loop trail with the Great Delta Trail.

North Delta Reclamation Districts

South Delta Reclamation Districts

CA State Transportation Agency

CA Department of Food and Agriculture

CA Natural Resources Agency

CA State Lands Commission

The staff also supports the project's levee and infrastructure improvement components, including construction of new flood protection levees. These aspects of the project will improve public safety, levee stability, and flood protection for properties adjacent to the project site.

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California Coastal Conservancy
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We encourage the Conservancy to provide the funding for this important restoration and recreation project in the Delta. Please contact Jennifer Ruffolo, Program Manager, at (916) 375-4882 with any questions or if you need additional information.

Sincerely



Erik Vink
Executive Director

cc: Mary Piepho, Commission Chair and Member, Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors
Jeff Melby, Project Manager, California Coastal Conservancy

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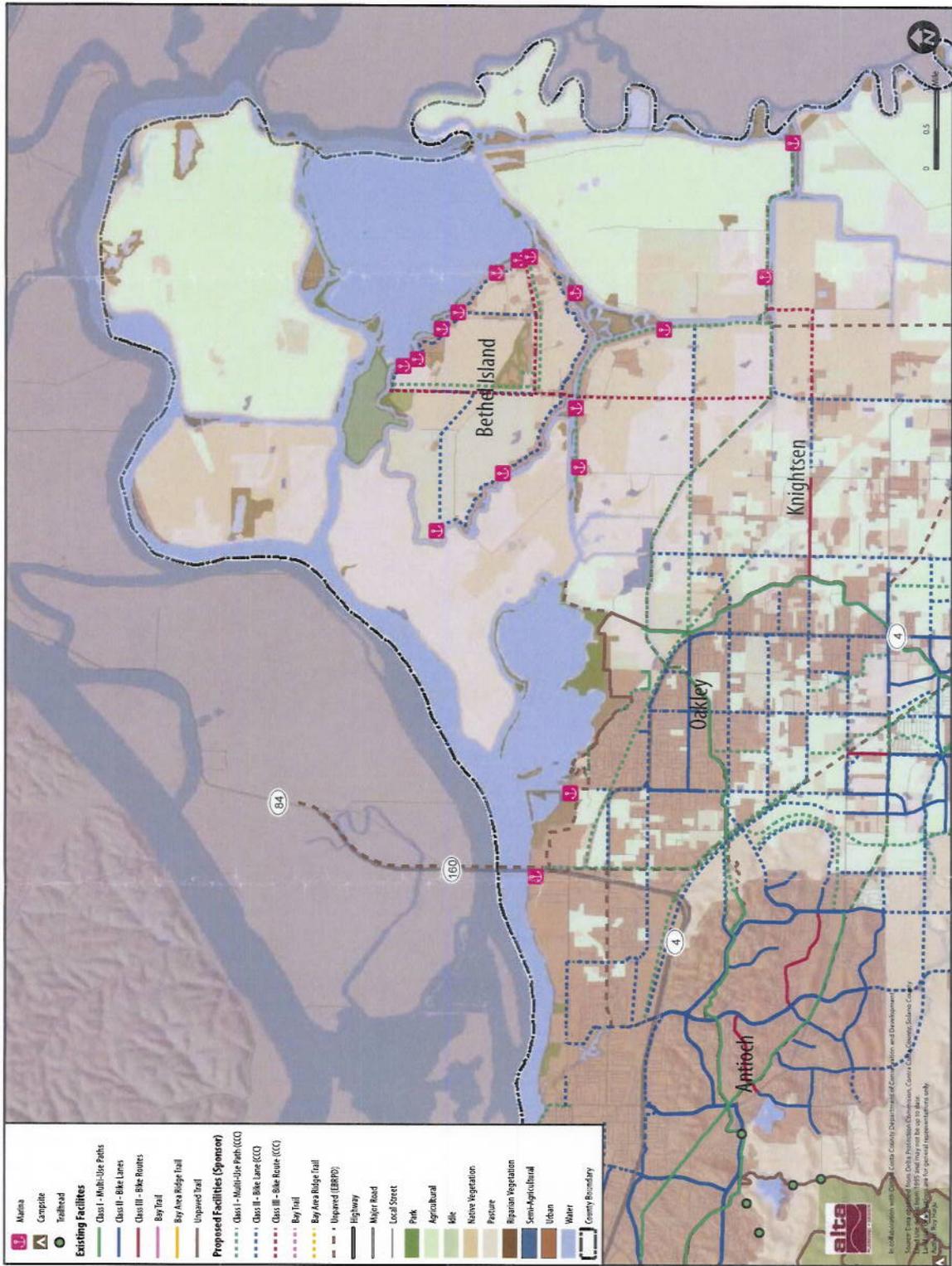


Figure 5. Contra Costa County (East) Opportunities



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February 5, 2015

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State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
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Sincerely,

Bryan H. Montgomery
City Manager

cc: Jeff Melby, Conservancy Project Manager



Douglas Bosco, Chair
State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

March 4, 2015

Re: Support for Dutch Slough Tidal Marsh Restoration Project

Dear Mr. Bosco:

American Rivers supports the Dutch Slough Tidal Marsh Restoration Project and urges the Coastal Conservancy to approve a \$2,750,000 grant to expedite construction. The grant is critical as a match for the \$1,400,000 grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the \$1,000,000 grant from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The federal and Conservancy grants will augment significant funding from the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife. These agencies and others have been working collaboratively for many years to bring this important project to fruition.

I have personally worked with Coastal Conservancy staff to advance the Dutch Slough project over the last 15 years and am very grateful for the Conservancy's continuing leadership and support. Your additional support at this time will make Dutch Slough the first large-scale, *freshwater* tidal wetland restoration project in the Delta and California, providing critically-needed habitat for native fish and wildlife, including rapidly-declining species such as Chinook salmon and Sacramento splittail. In addition to restoring over 1,000 acres of freshwater tidal marsh and associated habitats, the project will contribute to the scientific understanding of marsh restoration and its role in sustaining fisheries and the larger Delta ecosystem. Due to the Coastal Conservancy's early leadership, the project will also provide public access to the Delta shoreline and associated recreational opportunities for people throughout the region.

The Dutch Slough Project would not exist without the Coastal Conservancy's early support and leadership. The Coastal Conservancy was the first public funder of the project and has played a critical role ever since. Your continued support is necessary to finish the great work you have started. Thank you for both your financial support and your pioneering leadership.

Sincerely,

John R. Cain
Conservation Director
Berkeley, CA

cc: Jeff Melby, Project Manager

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March 3, 2015

Douglas Bosco, Chair
State Coastal Conservancy
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Re: Support for Dutch Slough Tidal Marsh Restoration Project

Dear Mr. Bosco:

The Board of Directors of the Ironhouse Sanitary District (ISD) strongly supports the Coastal Conservancy's grant for construction of the Dutch Slough Tidal Marsh Restoration Project. The Conservancy's \$2,750,000 grant is critical as a match for the \$1,400,000 grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the \$1,000,000 grant from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The federal and Conservancy grants will augment significant funding from the California Department of Water Resources and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife. These agencies and others have been working collaboratively for many years to bring this important project to fruition.

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Sincerely,

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David Contreras
President
Ironhouse Sanitary District

cc: Jeff Melby, Project Manager