

Exhibit 5. Project Letters

California State Senate

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March 10, 2015

Douglas Bosco, Chair
California Coastal Conservancy
Attn: Joel Gerwein
1300 Broadway St, 13th floor
Oakland, CA 94612

RE: White Slough Tidal Wetland Restoration

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I am writing in support of the White Slough Tidal Wetland Restoration Project (Project) currently before the Conservancy for funding consideration. The proposed project will restore tidal wetlands, enhance brackish and freshwater wetlands, and provide some protection to Highway 101 from fetch generated erosion and sea level rise.

The initial phase will restore salt marsh habitat on a gradient that would culminate in upland-Riparian habitat, by 2050 with projected relative sea level rise rates the area would transition to a mix of mud flats, tidal marsh, and upland-Riparian, and by 2080 the area would likely support a mixture of mud flats and tidal marsh. I understand that a secondary purpose of the project is to create a "living shoreline" to protect the Highway 101 road prism from erosion by wave fetch and sea level rise. Four existing tide gates in the north unit will be modified to establish a muted tide cycle, and minor drainage clearance to improve drainage connectivity to support tidal and brackish water wetlands.

This important restoration effort will have positive, long-term impact on a critical section of the Humboldt Bay wetlands. I am pleased to have this opportunity to extend my strongest support and I urge your favorable consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "MIKE MCGUIRE".

MIKE MCGUIRE
Senator, 2nd District

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JIM WOOD
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Chairman Doug Bosco
State Coastal Conservancy
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March 16, 2015

RE: White Slough Restoration Association Project at Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge.

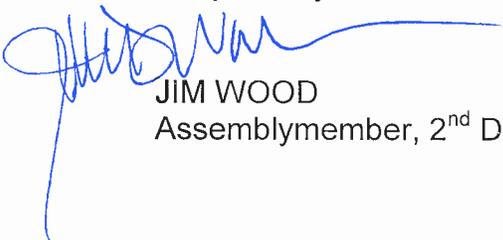
Dear Chairman Bosco:

I am writing to express my support of the Pacific Coast Fish, Wildlife, and Wetlands Restoration Association's proposed White Slough Restoration Project. The project will restore 40 acres of tidal marsh currently threatened with conversion to mudflat, while facilitating beneficial reuse of sediment.

In addition to the project's substantial fish and wildlife benefits, the project will provide valuable protection from sea level rise for adjacent infrastructure, particularly the Tompkins Hill Road-Highway 101 interchange adjacent to the property that provides access to the College of the Redwoods' Eureka campus. The project will serve as an important demonstration of an approach to sea level rise adaptation that also benefits the environment.

I encourage you to support this important project for the restoration of valuable estuarine wetlands and wildlife habitat.

Respectfully,


JIM WOOD
Assemblymember, 2nd District





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Re Chairman Douglas Bosco
California State Coastal Conservancy
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February 18, 2015

Dear Chairman Bosco:

The Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge is very supportive of the State Coastal Conservancy's White Slough Restoration Project. The tidal marsh to be restored by the project will provide valuable fish and wildlife habitat, as well as protecting adjacent roads from storm damage due to sea level rise and demonstrating beneficial reuse of sediment. The Restoration Project is part of the Refuge's Comprehensive Conservation Plan, and Refuge staff has been working with Conservancy staff and other partners on securing funding, planning and permitting for the project for the last two years.

We respectfully encourage you to support this important project for the restoration of valuable estuarine wetlands and wildlife habitat, as well as the protection of important public infrastructure. Thank you for all you and your colleagues do to conserve and preserve the irreplaceable resources of the California coast.

Sincerely,

Eric T. Nelson
Project Leader Humboldt Bay NWRC



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February 26, 2015

Chairman Doug Bosco
State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Chairman Bosco:

The Humboldt Bay Harbor, Conservation, and Recreation District is very supportive of the Pacific Coast Fish, Wildlife, and Wetlands Restoration Association's proposed White Slough Restoration Project. In addition to the project's substantial fish and wildlife benefits, the Harbor District believes that the project will provide a valuable demonstration of beneficial sediment reuse for marsh restoration, as well as sea level rise adaptation. The Harbor District recently completed a study of potential projects for the beneficial reuse of sediment for tidal marsh restoration and sea level rise adaptation, funded by the Conservancy. The study highlights the White Slough Restoration Project as an excellent candidate for beneficial sediment reuse.

The Harbor District is responsible for disposing of or permitting the disposal of a large volume of sediment generated by dredging marinas and other facilities. We hope that a significant quantity of this sediment will be appropriate for use in the White Slough Restoration Project. If that is the case, the Harbor District would help bear the cost for transporting the sediment to the White Slough Project Area, which would significantly reduce the overall cost of the White Slough Project.

We respectfully encourage you to support this important project for the restoration of valuable estuarine wetlands and wildlife habitat.

Sincerely,

Jack Crider
Executive Director



February 19, 2015

Thomas Howard, Executive Director
State Water Resources Control Board
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Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mr. Howard:

Pursuant to Chapter 5.5 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, relating to integrated coastal and marine resources protection projects carried out by the Coastal Conservancy, I am writing to notify you that a project is proposed for funding at the Coastal Conservancy's March 26, 2015 meeting in Napa, under the aforementioned section of the Public Resources Code. A synopsis of this project and the Coastal Conservancy staff recommendation is attached to this letter.

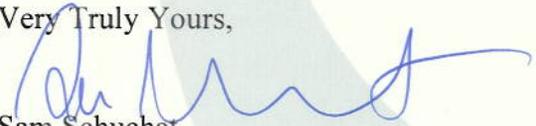
Please review the listed project for consistency with the following:

- The State Board's activities under the Clean Beaches Program (Chapter 3 (commencing with Section 30915) of Division 20.4 of the Public Resources Code.
- Water quality control plans adopted by the State Board and applicable Regional Boards.

My staff is available to discuss this project with you or appropriate State or Regional Board staff. Your staff may directly contact the Conservancy's project manager, listed on the synopsis or, if you prefer, please provide a list of staff members you would like us to contact about this project. You are also invited to testify on this project to express any concerns or support at the Conservancy's March 26 meeting in Napa.

Thanks for your attention.

Very Truly Yours,


Sam Schuchat
Executive Officer

Cc: Elizabeth Haven, Deputy Director, Chief of Division of Financial Assistance
Attachments: Staff Recommendation and Project Synopsis

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