

**Exhibit 3: Project Letters**

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**Congress of the United States**  
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January 9, 2015

Douglas H. Bosco, Chairman  
California State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13<sup>th</sup> floor  
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I am writing in support of California Trout's request to the Coastal Conservancy for \$200,000 for its Mad River floodplain enhancement project. This project is located on McKinleyville Community Services District (MCSD) property and will improve salmonid habitat, public trails and wastewater reclamation through biofiltration. These funds will match \$73,000 from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife Fisheries Restoration Grants Program, and funding from MCSD.

The Mad River sustains federally protected populations of native Chinook, coho salmon and steelhead trout. These species are important to Native American tribes, and commercial and recreational fishermen. Restoration of habitat, access to suitable rearing grounds and water quality protection in the lower Mad River is essential to these fish populations' recovery. In addition, the public access trail and interpretive signage portion of the project offer important public recreation and education opportunities along the Hammond Coastal Trail.

These CalTrout projects will engineer designs to restore off-channel fish habitat for salmonids and increase estuary habitat complexity. The project will prepare designs for a multi-use trail with river access points for small-boat users and anglers. It will also implement a pilot biofiltration project to demonstrate appropriate methods for wastewater discharge.

I urge your full and fair consideration of CalTrout's funding request for this important project.

Sincerely,

  
**JARED HUFFMAN**  
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**California State Senate**

SENATOR  
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SECOND SENATE DISTRICT



January 2, 2014

Douglas H. Bosco, Chairman  
California State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13<sup>th</sup> floor  
Oakland, CA 94612

**Re: Request for your support Mad River floodplain enhancement: salmonid habitat restoration, public access, and pilot biofiltration projects**

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I write in support of California Trout's request to the Coastal Conservancy for \$200,000 to fund and support a floodplain enhancement project that includes off-channel habitat for coho and other salmonids, a public access trail with interpretive signage, and a biofiltration project for wastewater reclamation in the lower Mad River.

As you well know, the Mad River is one of the six major rivers of the north coast of California and it is an invaluable natural resource to the region. The Mad River sustains populations of native chinook, coho salmon and steelhead trout, all of which are listed as threatened under the Federal Endangered Species Act. Restoration of riverine habitat, access to suitable rearing grounds, and water quality protection in the lower Mad River is essential to the recovery of the river's fish populations. These species provide inherent wildlife value, are important to Native American Indian tribes in the region, and provide commercial and recreational fishing opportunities that support our local economies. In addition, the public access trail and interpretive signage offers important public recreation and education opportunities. The development of public access in the lower Mad River will provide additional connectivity with the infrastructure upgrades that are being implemented and planned such as the Highway 101 bridge replacement including pedestrian and bicycle crossing, sidewalks on School Road that connect to the Hammond Coastal Trail (HCT), and the planned replacement of the HCT bridge on the lower Mad River.

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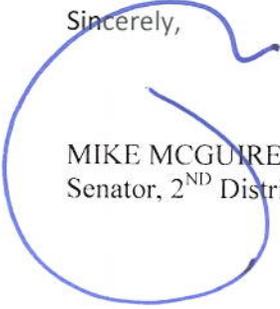
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**OAKLAND, CALIF.**

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Chairman Douglas H. Bosco  
January 5, 2015  
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I strongly support CalTrout's efforts to promote the recovery of our salmon and steelhead populations, to improve infrastructure and to provide planned recreational access to our coastal rivers and urge your favorable consideration of this important project. I urge the favorable consideration of this important coastal improvement project by the Coastal Conservancy.

Sincerely,



MIKE MCGUIRE  
Senator, 2<sup>ND</sup> District

Congressman -  
Thank you for  
your amazing work  
on behalf of  
Northern California!

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Assembly  
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JIM WOOD  
ASSEMBLYMEMBER, SECOND DISTRICT

January 6, 2015

Douglas H. Bosco, Chairman  
California State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13<sup>th</sup> floor  
Oakland, CA 94612

**Re: Request for your support Mad River floodplain enhancement: salmonid habitat restoration, public access, and pilot biofiltration projects**

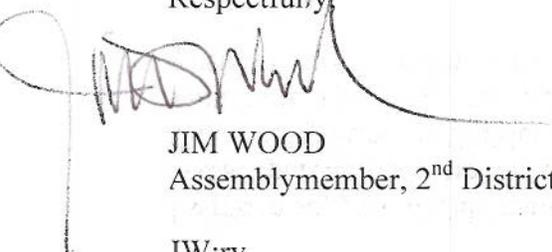
Dear Chairman Bosco,

I write in support of California Trout's request to the Coastal Conservancy for \$200,000 to fund and support a floodplain enhancement project. This project, located on McKinleyville Community Services District (MCSD) property includes off-channel habitat for coho and other salmonids, a public access trail with interpretive signage, and a biofiltration project for wastewater reclamation in the lower Mad River.

The Mad River is one of the six major rivers of the north coast of California and sustains populations of native Chinook, coho salmon and steelhead trout, all of which are listed as threatened under the Federal Endangered Species Act. Restoration of riverine habitat, access to suitable rearing grounds, and water quality protection in the lower Mad River is essential to the recovery of the river's fish populations. Additionally, the development of public access in the lower Mad River will provide additional connectivity with the infrastructure upgrades that are already being implemented and planned.

I strongly support CalTrout's efforts to promote the recovery of our salmon and steelhead populations, to improve infrastructure and to provide planned recreational access to our coastal rivers and urge your favorable consideration of this important project.

Respectfully,

  
JIM WOOD  
Assemblymember, 2<sup>nd</sup> District

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January 6, 2015

Douglas H. Bosco, Chairman  
California State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13<sup>th</sup> floor  
Oakland, CA 94612

**Re: Request for your support on Cal Trout's Mad River projects**

Dear Chairman Bosco,

I write in support of California Trout's request to the Coastal Conservancy for \$200,000 to fund and support a floodplain enhancement project that includes off-channel habitat for coho and other salmonids, a public access trail with interpretive signage, and a biofiltration project for wastewater reclamation in the lower Mad River. These funds will provide cost-share match to \$73,000 in California Department of Fish and Wildlife – Fisheries Restoration Grants Program. This project is located on McKinleyville Community Services District property and the MCSD is in favor of these projects.

The Mad River is one of the six major rivers of the north coast of California and it is a valuable natural resource to the region. The Mad River sustains populations of native Chinook, coho salmon and steelhead trout, all of which are listed as threatened under the Federal Endangered Species Act. Restoration of riverine habitat, access to suitable rearing grounds, and water quality protection in the lower Mad River is essential to the recovery of the river's fish populations. These species are important to Native American Indian tribes in the region, and provide commercial and recreational fishing opportunities that support our local economies. The development of public access in the lower Mad River will provide additional connectivity with the infrastructure upgrades that are being implemented and planned such as the Highway 101 bridge replacement including pedestrian and bicycle crossing, sidewalks on School Road that connect to the Hammond Coastal Trail (HCT), and the planned replacement of the HCT bridge on the lower Mad River.

These CalTrout projects – Mad River Floodplain Enhancement Projects – include a fish habitat restoration project that will result in the preparation of engineering designs to restore off-channel habitat to provide refugia for salmonids and increase habitat complexity in the estuary. The project will prepare designs for a multi-use trail with defined river access points for recreational use by small craft boat users and anglers. In addition the project will implement a pilot biofiltration project to demonstrate appropriate and green methods for wastewater discharge. Project funding partners include the Department of Fish and Wildlife's Fisheries Restoration Grants Program, and cost-share from the McKinleyville Community Services District.

The Humboldt County Board of Supervisors support CalTrout's efforts to promote the recovery of our salmon and steelhead populations, to improve infrastructure and to provide planned recreational access to our coastal rivers and urge your favorable consideration of this important project.

Sincerely,

Estelle Fennell, Chair  
County of Humboldt

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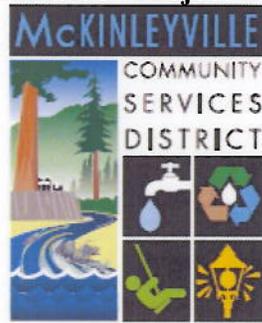
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January 7, 2015

Douglas H. Bosco, Chairman  
California State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13<sup>th</sup> floor  
Oakland, CA 94612

**Re: Request for your support Mad River floodplain enhancement: salmonid habitat restoration, public access, and pilot biofiltration projects**

Dear Chairman Bosco,

I write in support of California Trout's request to the Coastal Conservancy for \$200,000 to fund and support a floodplain enhancement project that includes off-channel habitat for Coho and other salmonids, a public access trail with interpretive signage, and a biofiltration project for wastewater reclamation in the lower Mad River. These funds will provide cost-share match to \$73,000 in California Department of Fish and Wildlife – Fisheries Restoration Grants Program. This project is located on McKinleyville Community Services District (MCSD) property – the MCSD is in favor of the land use conversion to salmonid habitat restoration, public access trails, and wastewater reclamation through biofiltration.

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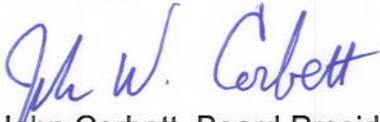
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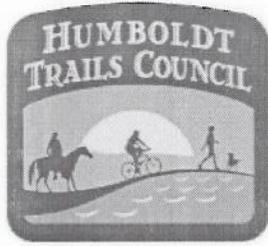
John Corbett, Board President  
McKinleyville Community Services District

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To: Douglas H. Bosco, Chairman  
California State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13<sup>th</sup> floor  
Oakland, CA 94612

#### **In support of Mad River public access trail and floodplain enhancement project**

Dear Chairman Bosco,

I am writing on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Humboldt Trails Council to demonstrate our support for CalTrout's request to the Coastal Conservancy for \$200,000 for a floodplain enhancement project that includes off-channel habitat for coho and other salmonids, a public access trail with interpretive signage, and a biofiltration project for wastewater reclamation in the lower Mad River. This project is in collaboration with the McKinleyville Community Services District (MCSD), which has been supportive of public access and innovative projects such as this one in the past.

The mission of the Humboldt Trails Council is to serve as a unified voice to support development and use of trails for recreation and transportation throughout Humboldt County. This project is in line with our mission and vision, which is more extensive and also takes into account preservation/ restoration of parks and natural places. Our vision also includes linkages between land-based trail networks and "water trails". This collaborative and creative project would serve to benefit the residents of nearby communities, visitors, aquatic species, and the many organizations tasked with managing public assets and resources responsibly.

The Humboldt Trails Council strongly support CalTrout's efforts to promote the recovery of our salmon and steelhead populations, to improve infrastructure, and to provide planned recreational access to our coastal rivers, and we urge your favorable consideration of this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "N. Arroyo", is written over the name and title of the sender.

Natalie Arroyo  
Board Vice President  
Humboldt Trails Council  
[www.humtrails.org](http://www.humtrails.org)

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