

Exhibit 7: Project Letters

JULIA BROWNLEY  
26TH DISTRICT, CALIFORNIA  
MEMBER OF CONGRESS  
<http://juliabrownley.house.gov>



WASHINGTON, DC OFFICE:  
1019 LONGWORTH HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING  
WASHINGTON, DC 20515  
PHONE: 202-225-5811  
FAX: 202-225-1100

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS  
RANKING MEMBER, SUBCOMMITTEE ON HEALTH  
SUBCOMMITTEE ON DISABILITY ASSISTANCE  
AND MEMORIAL AFFAIRS

THOUSAND OAKS, CA OFFICE:  
223 EAST THOUSAND OAKS BOULEVARD, SUITE 411  
THOUSAND OAKS, CA 91360  
PHONE: 805-379-1779  
FAX: 805-379-1799

COMMITTEE ON  
TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE  
SUBCOMMITTEE ON AVIATION  
SUBCOMMITTEE ON COAST GUARD AND  
MARITIME TRANSPORTATION  
SUBCOMMITTEE ON  
HIGHWAYS AND TRANSIT

Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515-0526

OXNARD, CA OFFICE:  
300 EAST ESPLANADE DRIVE, SUITE 470  
OXNARD, CA 93036  
PHONE: 805-379-1779  
FAX: 805-379-1799

May 20, 2015

Mr. Sam Schuchat  
Executive Officer  
California State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

Re: Letter of Support for Habitat Restoration Grant Application – The Nature Conservancy’s Santa Clara River Hanson Riparian Restoration Project

Dear Mr. Schuchat:

I am writing this letter of introduction on behalf of The Nature Conservancy, a nonprofit organization committed to environmental conservation.

It is my understanding that The Nature Conservancy is applying for funding from the California State Coastal Conservancy to restore 238 acres of riparian floodplain on the Santa Clara River in Ventura County.

The Santa Clara River is one of the most important and most intact river systems in southern California. A vital source of fresh water for the community and farmers, the 1,600-square mile watershed also supports 38 species on the state or federal threatened or endangered lists, and hundreds more migratory and resident species. Since 1999, The Nature Conservancy and partners have protected over 3,300 acres of the Santa Clara River and is now poised to begin large scale habitat restoration along the river’s floodplain.

With this grant, I recognize The Nature Conservancy will have the opportunity to accomplish two goals on their Hanson property: 1) restore riparian floodplain habitats to complement adjacent remnant and restored habitat, and 2) promote the recovery of migratory and resident birds, fish and other aquatic and terrestrial species. Targeting efforts to large, contiguous nodes of river floodplain, like the Hanson property, ensures that the effort expended in exotics removal and habitat restoration results in the enhancement of larger blocks of adjoining native habitat. Moreover, this project will provide benefits to the 18 million people who live within an hour’s drive of the property, including improved water quality and quantity, flood damage reduction, increased recreational opportunities, and improved aesthetics.

I appreciate your full and fair consideration of The Nature Conservancy’s grant proposal for the Hanson Riparian Restoration Project. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

JULIA BROWNLEY  
Member of Congress

# California State Legislature

SENATOR  
**HANNAH-BETH JACKSON**

NINETEENTH SENATE DISTRICT



May 18, 2015

Sam Schuchat, Executive Officer  
California State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

**Re: The Nature Conservancy Habitat Restoration Grant Application  
Santa Clara River Hanson Riparian Restoration Project**

Dear Mr. Schuchat:

I would like to take this opportunity to express my support for The Nature Conservancy's habitat restoration grant application for \$400,000 to restore 238 acres of riparian floodplain on the Santa Clara River near the city of Santa Paula in Ventura County. This project is located within the 19<sup>th</sup> Senate District, which I represent.

The Santa Clara River is one of the most important and most intact river systems in southern California. A vital source of fresh water for the community and farmers, the 1,600-square mile watershed also supports 38 species on the state or federal threatened or endangered lists, and hundreds more migratory and resident species. Since 1999, The Nature Conservancy and partners have protected over 3,300 acres of the Santa Clara River and is now poised to begin large scale habitat restoration along the river's floodplain.

The proposed restoration project on The Nature Conservancy's Hanson property will accomplish two goals: 1) restore riparian floodplain habitats to complement adjacent remnant and restored habitat, and 2) promote the recovery of migratory and resident birds, fish and other aquatic and terrestrial species. Targeting efforts to large, contiguous nodes of river floodplain, like the Hanson property, ensures that the effort expended in exotics removal and habitat restoration results in the enhancement of larger blocks of adjoining native habitat. Moreover, this project will provide benefits to the 18 million people who live within an hour's drive of the property, including improved water quality and quantity, flood damage reduction, increased recreational opportunities, and improved aesthetics.

Page 2

California State Coastal Conservancy  
May 18, 2015

RE: The Nature Conservancy Habitat Restoration

It is for these reasons that I strongly encourage you to support The Nature Conservancy's grant proposal for the Hanson Riparian Restoration Project.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

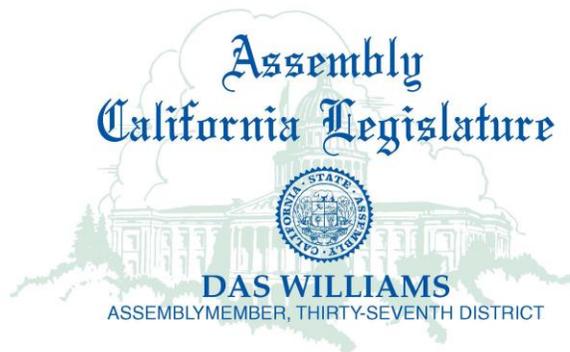
A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Hannah-Beth Jackson". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

HANNAH-BETH JACKSON  
Senator, 19<sup>th</sup> Senate District

HBJ: ff

Cc: Lily Verdone, Project Director, The Nature Conservancy

STATE CAPITOL  
P.O. BOX 942849  
SACRAMENTO, CA 94249-0037  
(916) 319-2037  
FAX (916) 319-2137  
www.assembly.ca.gov/williams



**COMMITTEES**  
CHAIR: NATURAL RESOURCES  
BUDGET  
HIGHER EDUCATION  
UTILITIES AND COMMERCE  
WATER, PARKS AND WILDLIFE  
BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE  
NO. 3 ON RESOURCES AND  
TRANSPORTATION  
**JOINT COMMITTEE**  
FISHERIES AND AQUACULTURE  
CHAIR: ASIAN AND PACIFIC  
ISLANDER LEGISLATIVE  
CAUCUS

Sam Schuchat, Executive Officer  
California State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

**Re: Letter of Support for Habitat Restoration Grant Application – The Nature Conservancy’s Santa Clara River Hanson Riparian Restoration Project**

I am writing to support The Nature Conservancy’s application to the California State Coastal Conservancy for funds to restore 238-acres of riparian floodplain on the Santa Clara River in Ventura County.

The Santa Clara River is one of the most important and most intact river systems in southern California. A vital source of fresh water for the community and farmers, the 1,600-square mile watershed also supports 38 species on the state or federal threatened or endangered lists, and hundreds more migratory and resident species. Since 1999, The Nature Conservancy and partners have protected over 3,300 acres of the Santa Clara River and is now poised to begin large scale habitat restoration along the river’s floodplain.

The proposed restoration project on The Nature Conservancy’s Hanson property will accomplish two goals: 1) restore riparian floodplain habitats to complement adjacent remnant and restored habitat, and 2) promote the recovery of migratory and resident birds, fish and other aquatic and terrestrial species. Targeting efforts to large, contiguous nodes of river floodplain, like the Hanson property, ensures that the effort expended in exotics removal and habitat restoration results in the enhancement of larger blocks of adjoining native habitat. Moreover, this project will provide benefits to the 18 million people who live within an hour’s drive of the property, including improved water quality and quantity, flood damage reduction, increased recreational opportunities, and improved aesthetics.

I strongly encourage you to support The Nature Conservancy’s grant proposal for the Hanson Riparian Restoration Project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Das Williams", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

DAS WILLIAMS  
Assemblymember, California State Assembly 37<sup>th</sup> District

Cc: Lily Verdone, Project Director, The Nature Conservancy