

EXHIBIT 2: Project Letters



# Carmel Area Wastewater District

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June 4, 2015

Doug Bosco, Chair  
State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, Suite 1300  
Oakland, CA 93612

RE: "Carmel River Lagoon Large Woody Debris Augmentation"  
Project No.: 15-007-01

Chairman Doug Bosco,

The Carmel Area Wastewater District greatly appreciates the opportunity to provide comments pertaining to the Carmel River Lagoon Large Woody Debris (LWD) Augmentation proposal.

District staff has read the information provided and reviewed the proposed locations of the LWD included in the Exhibit 1 attachment. The CAWD finds no conflict with the proposal and current District operations and supports the project as described.

The District does however recognize the potential for an increase in the backwater elevations in the Carmel River if the proposed debris were to be located further to the East where the channel begins to narrow. As an additional note, regarding similar future projects, the District is currently designing a replacement pipeline to allow for the removal of the above surface Outfall crossing which is located in the Southern finger of the Carmel Lagoon. Due to the condition of this infrastructure and the risk that woody debris would pose to the safety of that pipeline the District requests that no similar project be contemplated for the Southern finger channel until the pipeline has been properly located beneath the bed of the river in that location.

Thank you.

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Barbara Buikema  
General Manager



**Tim Frahm**  
California Central Coast Steelhead Coordinator

6/2/2015

State Coastal Conservancy  
C/O Douglas Bosco, Chairman  
1330 Broadway, Ste. 1300  
Oakland, CA 94612

RE: Project No. 15-007-01, Carmel River Lagoon Large Woody Debris Augmentation Project – Letter of Support

Dear Chairman Bosco:

This letter conveys the comments of Trout Unlimited (TU), on the staff recommendation for Project No. 15-007-01.

Trout Unlimited is America's largest and oldest coldwater fish conservation group. Since 1959 TU has worked across the country to conserve, protect and restore native trout, salmon and steelhead, and their watersheds.

**Trout Unlimited strongly supports this project and staff's recommendation** to authorize the disbursement up to \$360,000 of Carmel River Settlement funds to the Carmel River Steelhead Association to install large woody debris in the Carmel River Lagoon to enhance rearing habitat for steelhead, Monterey County (your Project No. 15-007-01).

In the 2013 *South-Central California Coast Steelhead Recovery Plan* (SCCCS Recovery Plan) prepared by the National Marine Fisheries Service, the Carmel River steelhead run is identified as a Core 1 population, which is the highest priority for recovery in the plan. The main impacts to the Carmel River steelhead come from excess water diversions, fish passage barriers and decreased lagoon habitat.

The SCCC Recovery Plan specifically calls out the need for placement of additional large woody debris in the lagoon to enhance rearing habitat.

This project will increase the quality, quantity, and stability of the lagoon rearing areas for steelhead and we are pleased to offer our support.

Thank you for your consideration.

**Tim Frahm**  
California Central Coast Steelhead Coordinator

*Trout Unlimited: America's Leading Coldwater Fisheries Conservation Organization*

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Doug Bosco, Chair  
State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, Suite 1300  
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June 5, 2015

RE: Letter of Support - Carmel River Steelhead Association to install large woody debris in the Carmel River Lagoon to enhance rearing habitat for steelhead, Monterey County

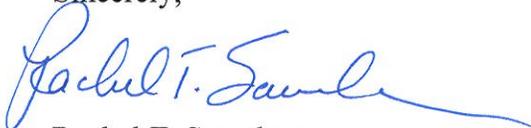
Dear Mr. Bosco:

As recommended by your staff, the Big Sur Land Trust supports the use of Carmel River Settlement funds for the Carmel River Steelhead Association (CRSA) to be able to install large woody debris in the Carmel River Lagoon to enhance rearing habitat for steelhead. This project will improve important spawning and rearing habitat for steelhead in the Carmel River, and will contribute towards needed cover for fish in the lagoon through the use of anchored logs or other natural materials. This type of project is recommended by the 2013 *South-Central California Coast Steelhead Recovery Plan* (SCCCS Recovery Plan) prepared by the National Marine Fisheries Service.

The Big Sur Land Trust is an active partner with the State Coastal Conservancy, CRSA, and numerous other stakeholders making efforts to restore the Carmel River watershed. BSLT appreciates CRSA's focused efforts on SCCC steelhead recovery and this project is one of many important steps towards the long term restoration of the river, its critical habitat and threatened and endangered species.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Rachel T. Saunders  
Director of Conservation

**Carmel River Watershed Conservancy**  
PO Box 223833, Carmel, CA 93922



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May 26, 2015

**RE: CARMEL RIVER LAGOON LARGE WOODY DEBRIS AUGMENTATION**

Project No. 15-007-01

Project Manager: Trish Chapman

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Authorization to disburse up to \$360,000 of Carmel River Settlement funds to the Carmel River Steelhead Association to install large woody debris in the Carmel River Lagoon to enhance rearing habitat for steelhead, Monterey County.

**LOCATION:** Carmel River Lagoon, Monterey County

Doug Bosco, Chair  
State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, Suite 1300  
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Bosco:

This letter serves to confirm our Conservancy's support for the project described above that plans to install Large Woody Debris in the Carmel River Lagoon.

This project is in conformance with the Carmel River Watershed Assessment and Action Plan (2004, 2005, 2007, 2014) and is a high priority designated by the Carmel River Task Force at its most recent meetings in 2015. This Task Force comprises all the federal, state, and local government agencies and environmental non-profit organizations with authority over or interest in the Carmel River watershed.

As stated in the project description, this project also implements the NOAA/NMFS Steelhead Recovery Plan for the South Central Coast Steelhead.

If you have any questions please call me at 831-277-0276.

Thank you for your consideration,

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Lorin Letendre  
President  
Carmel River Watershed Conservancy



P.O Box 1793  
Salinas, CA 93902

May 28, 2015

**RE: Carmel River Lagoon Large Woody Debris Augmentation**

Project No. 15-007-01

Project Manager: Trish Chapman

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Authorization to disburse up to \$360,000 of Carmel River Settlement funds to the Carmel River Steelhead Association to install large woody debris in the Carmel River Lagoon to enhance rearing habitat for steelhead, Monterey County.

**LOCATION:** Carmel River Lagoon, Monterey County

Doug Bosco, Chair  
State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, Suite 1300  
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear M. Bosco,

This letter serves to confirm Salinas Valley Fly Fishers support, of the Carmel River Steelhead Association's request for grant funding, Project No. 15-007-01, Carmel River Large Woody Debris Augmentation.

The Salinas Valley Fly Fishers membership is made up of local Monterey Peninsula and Salinas Valley residents. We urge the Conservancy to approve this project request, to ensure suitable habitat for future generations of steelhead and someday reestablishing historic steelhead runs.

Thank you for your consideration,

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Rod Sanchez  
President  
SVFF  
(831) 809-7499

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## STEINBECK COUNTRY CHAPTER

6/3/2015

State Coastal Conservancy  
C/O Douglas Bosco, Chairman  
1330 Broadway, Ste. 1300  
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RE: Project No. 15-007-01, Carmel River Lagoon Large Woody Debris Augmentation Project – Letter of Support

Dear Chairman Bosco:

This letter conveys the comments of Steinbeck Country Chapter of Trout Unlimited, on the staff recommendation for Project No. 15-007-01.

The Steinbeck Country Chapter is the Central Coast grass roots chapter of Trout Unlimited. With a current membership of over 1000 members (and growing), our primary purpose is to conserve, protect and restore coldwater fisheries and their watersheds, focusing principally on the threatened steelhead of the South-Central California Coast and support the efforts of TU professional staff and our restoration partners.

Our Steinbeck Country Chapter strongly supports **this project and staff's recommendation** to authorize the disbursal up to \$360,000 of Carmel River Settlement funds to the Carmel River Steelhead Association to install large woody debris in the Carmel River Lagoon to enhance rearing habitat for steelhead, Monterey County (your Project No. 15-007-01).

This project will increase the quality, quantity, and stability of the Carmel River lagoon rearing areas for steelhead and we are pleased to offer our support.

Thank you for your consideration.

Tim Loomis  
President, Steinbeck Country Chapter of Trout Unlimited

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Doug Bosco, Chair

State Coastal Conservancy

1330 Broadway, Suite 1300

Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Bosco,

I am pleased to recommend the funding of the Carmel River Lagoon Large Woody Debris Augmentation Project (Project No. 15-007-01). The need for improved habitat in the lagoon is well documented. I believe that it is clear that this project will greatly improve habitat and help restore the steelhead population to a sustainable size in the watershed. The Carmel River Steelhead Association has a long track record of protecting the watershed and is very capable of executing this project.

As a stakeholder in the watershed, I believe that enhancing the rearing habitat for juvenile steelhead is a critical component of restoring the degraded Carmel River and its watershed. I appreciate that the project is both cost-effective and builds on previous (and concurrent) projects in the watershed costing millions of dollars. Your agency is one of the largest funders of these projects and I believe this is a wise investment in the future.

I thank you for funding of previous projects in the watershed and I strongly urge funding this project.

Sincerely,

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Kenneth Ekelund

35811 Highway 1

Monterey, CA 93940

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From: Regina Doyle [reginadoyle@aol.com]  
Sent: Wednesday, May 27, 2015 2:40 PM  
To: Chapman, Trish@SCC  
Subject: Support for Carmel Lagoon Large Woody Debris Project

Dear Ms Chapman: Below please find a letter to the Chair of the State Coastal Conservancy supporting the project to improve fish habitat on the Carmel River Lagoon. Thank you for forwarding it as appropriate. Regards, Regina Doyle

Doug Bosco, Chair / State Coastal Conservancy / 1330 Broadway, Suite 1300 / Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I support the recommendation that the State Coastal Conservancy provide a grant of \$360,000 to the Carmel River Steelhead Association to improve fish habitat by constructing seven large woody debris structures in the Carmel River Lagoon.

Sincerely yours,  
Regina Doyle  
1069 Egan Avenue, Pacific Grove CA 93950  
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