



January 14, 2016

Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chairman
State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612
Attention: Megan Cooper

Dear Mr. Bosco:

The Port of San Diego (Port) strongly supports our partnership with the California Coastal Conservancy (Conservancy), and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service for the San Diego Bay Native Oyster Living Shoreline Project. This project presents a significant and timely opportunity to enhance the ecological resilience of San Diego Bay's aquatic species relying on shallow water and intertidal habitat as well as the resilience of the Bay's vital coastal salt marsh habitat to offset the effects of climate-change exacerbating shoreline erosion and sea level rise. The Port supports the request for funding from the Conservancy's Proposition 1 Grant Program to further this important project.

The Port has been involved with this project since inception and has assisted with funding the San Diego Bay Native Oyster Restoration Plan (Plan) in conjunction with the Conservancy. The Plan outlines not only the creation of native oyster habitat but will also assist with preventing shoreline erosion. The planning for this project meets the Port strategic goal of "A Port with a healthy and sustainable bay and its environment".

The Port is also committing staffing and financial support including obtaining Army Corps of Engineers and 401 certification permits for this project once the Port has completed both CEQA and Coastal compliance and an additional \$50,000 in matching funds. We look forward to a successful restoration project.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Eileen Maher, from the Port's Planning & Green Port Department at 619-686-6254.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jason H. Giffen".

Jason H. Giffen
Assistant Vice President,
Planning & Green Port

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Exhibit 3: Project Letters
United States Department of the Interior



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Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chairman
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Oakland, California 94612

Attention: Ms. Megan Cooper

Subject: Support for San Diego Bay Native Oyster Living Shoreline Project Application to State Coastal Conservancy's Proposition 1 Watershed Restoration Grant Program

Dear Mr. Bosco:

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) is writing this letter in support of Southwest Wetlands Interpretive Association's application to the California State Coastal Conservancy's Proposition 1 Grant Program to fund the San Diego Bay Native Oyster Living Shoreline Project (Project). This Project presents a significant and timely opportunity to enhance the ecological resilience of San Diego Bay's intertidal and coastal salt marsh habitat to the effects of climate-change exacerbated shoreline erosion and sea level rise.

The Service's Coastal Program served as a Project Team Member providing input and guidance on the recently completed San Diego Bay Native Oyster Restoration Plan. The Service's Coastal Program is committed to providing continued technical assistance and \$60,000 in funding to move the Project forward into final design and implementation. Our support is derived from the Coastal Program's mission to protect and recover Federal Trust Species (threatened and endangered species, migratory birds, and inter-jurisdictional fish) by supporting voluntary restoration and enhancement of high-priority coastal habitats. We are particularly supportive of this project because a living shoreline is being used to improve the resilience of San Diego Bay's wetland and terrestrial habitats.

Please contact Carolyn Lieberman of this office at 760-431-9440, extension 240, if you have any questions regarding this letter of support.

Sincerely,

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Attention: Megan Cooper

Dear Mr. Bosco,

I am a Marine Ecologist and Professor of Biological Science with California State University Fullerton and wish to express my strong support for the San Diego Bay Native Oyster Living Shoreline Project. This project presents a significant and timely opportunity to enhance the ecological resilience of San Diego Bay's aquatic species that rely on shallow water and intertidal habitat as well as enhance the resilience of the Bay's vital coastal salt marsh habitat to the effects of climate-change exacerbated shoreline erosion and sea level rise. My support for this project is derived from my interest in understanding the ecology of our native oyster species and my appreciation for forward-thinking nature-based solutions to global change scenarios of sea-level rise.

I have worked with other project team members since summer 2013 and have generated much of the preliminary biological data that support the proposal. My lab group completed field-based surveys of oyster population density, recruitment and growth throughout San Diego Bay, and continue to generate data on patterns of oyster recruitment in support of the project. Since I was involved in this project's inception, I would be thrilled to see this proposal move forward into final design and implementation.

I am committed to supporting this application to the California State Coastal Conservancy's Proposition 1 Grant Program and hope to be able to provide matching support in the form of matching salary support from my Dean, and in-kind support in the form of vehicles and equipment to support fieldwork. In addition, some of my students may provide volunteer labor as 50% match to student salary support. Please let me know if you have any questions about this commitment.

Sincerely,

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