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March 15, 2016

Lisa Ames  
California State Coastal Conservancy  
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Oakland, CA 94612-2530

RE: Letter of Support for Gualala River Watershed Council Proposition 1 Proposal entitled:  
The Productive Lands and Streams Program

Dear Ms. Ames:

I am writing in support of the Gualala River Watershed Council's (GRWC) application for Proposition 1 funding for *The Productive Lands and Streams Program* to expand the outstanding habitat restoration and water quality improvement work GRWC has accomplished in my district in the Gualala River watershed.

Their proposal will meet regional, state and federal goals for water quality improvement, water supply reliability, and species protection. The program will also help landowners interested in watershed restoration, erosion control and conservation easements to generate a water resource management plan for their property. GRWC has the technical knowledge to plan and implement erosion control and habitat restoration projects and the professional capacity to select and manage local professionals to conduct water management and conservation planning. Their proven track record of over 20 years of progressively complex restoration efforts makes the GRWC the ideal entity to implement this program. They have my fullest support.

This program is the next logical step in watershed restoration efforts for the Gualala River watershed. Thank you for your full and fair consideration of this proposal.

Sincerely,

  
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March 16, 2016

California State Coastal Conservancy  
Ms. Lisa Ames  
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

**RE: Letter of Support for Gualala River Watershed Council Proposition 1 Proposal entitled: The Productive Lands and Streams Program**

Dear Ms Ames:

I am writing to express my strong support for the Gualala River Watershed Council (GRWC)'s proposal to expand habitat restoration and water quality improvement work in the Gualala River watershed.

This new Program will not only implement regional, state and federal goals for water quality improvement, water supply reliability, and species protection, but also enable individual landowners in the Gualala River watershed to generate a comprehensive, sustainable land and water resource management plan for their property with continuance past their ownership. The GRWC has the technical knowledge to plan and implement erosion control and habitat restoration projects and the professional capacity to select and manage local professionals to conduct water management and conservation planning. Their proven track record of over 20 years of progressively complex restoration efforts makes the GRWC the ideal entity to implement this Program.

The Productive Lands and Streams Program is the next step in watershed restoration efforts for the Gualala River watershed. I strongly support this project and look forward to working with you on this issue. Please feel free to contact me at (707) 576-2771 if I or my staff can be of any further assistance. Warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike McGuire".

MIKE MCGUIRE  
State Senator

cc: Kathleen Morgan, GRWC Executive Director

DAN HAMBURG  
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March 10, 2016

California State Coastal Conservancy  
Ms. Lisa Ames  
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

RE: Letter of Support for Gualala River Watershed Council Proposition 1 Proposal entitled: The Productive Lands and Streams Program

Dear Ms. Ames,

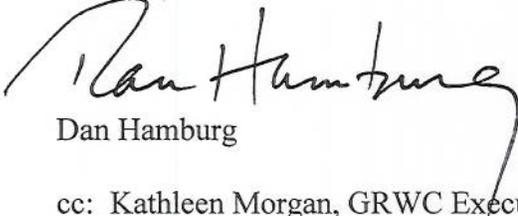
This letter is in support of the Gualala River Watershed Council (GRWC) proposal referenced above and being submitted for Proposition 1 funding. The Productive Lands and Streams Program will expand upon the outstanding habitat restoration and water quality improvement work accomplished by the GRWC in the Gualala River watershed over the past several years.

This new program will not only implement regional, state and federal goals for water quality improvement, water supply reliability, and species protection, but will also enable individual landowners in the Gualala River watershed to generate a comprehensive, sustainable land and water resource management plan for their properties. These management plans will continue to be in effect even as ownership of the property changes.

The GRWC has the technical knowledge to plan and implement erosion control and habitat restoration projects and the professional capacity to select and manage local professionals to conduct water management and conservation planning. Their proven track record of over 20 years of progressively complex restoration efforts makes the GRWC the ideal entity to implement this program.

The Productive Lands and Streams Program is the next logical step in watershed restoration efforts for the Gualala River watershed. It has my full support. I look forward to partnering with the GRWC to achieve the outcomes set forth in this proposal.

Sincerely,

  
Dan Hamburg

cc: Kathleen Morgan, GRWC Executive Director

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March 16, 2016

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Ms. Lisa Ames  
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RE: Letter of Support for Gualala River Watershed Council Proposition 1 Proposal entitled: The Productive Lands and Streams Program

Dear Ms. Ames:

I am writing in full support for the Gualala River Watershed Council (GRWC) proposal to the Proposition 1 funding opportunity. I fully endorse this proposal to expand upon the outstanding habitat restoration and water quality improvement work accomplished by the GRWC in the Gualala River watershed.

This new Program will not only implement regional, state and federal goals for water quality improvement, water supply reliability, and species protection, but also enable individual landowners in the Gualala River watershed to generate a comprehensive, sustainable land and water resource management plan for their property with continuance past their ownership. The GRWC has the technical knowledge to plan and implement erosion control and habitat restoration projects and the professional capacity to select and manage local professionals to conduct water management and conservation planning.

Their proven track record of over 20 years of progressively complex restoration efforts makes the GRWC the ideal entity to implement this Program.

The Productive Lands and Streams Program is the next logical step in watershed restoration efforts for the Gualala River watershed and it has my enthusiastic support. We look forward to partnering with the GRWC to achieve the outcomes set forth in this Proposal.

Kindly,

  
Efrén Carrillo  
Supervisor, Fifth District

North Coast: Del Norte County to coastside Sonoma and Marin Counties

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cc: Kathleen Morgan, GRWC Executive Director



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**  
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September 29, 2015

Kayrn Gear  
 California State Coastal Conservancy  
 1330 Broadway, 13th Floor  
 Oakland, California 94612-2530

Dear Ms Gear:

The purpose of this letter is to express NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service's (NMFS) support for the Gualala River Watershed Council's (GRWC) proposed Productive Lands and Streams Program. This proposal is to develop a new program to improve water quality, enhance water supply reliability, protect aquatic habitat, and enable individual landowners in the Gualala River watershed to generate a comprehensive, sustainable land and water resource management plan for their property with continuance past their ownership.

The Gualala River watershed maintains a population of Northern California (NC) Distinct Population Segment (DPS) steelhead (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*) and Central California Coast Evolutionarily Significant Unit (ESU) coho salmon (*Oncorhynchus kisutch*). NC steelhead is a threatened species and CCC coho salmon are an endangered species, listed by NMFS under the federal Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*). GRWC's proposed Productive Lands and Streams Program is the next logical step in watershed restoration efforts for the Gualala River watershed and the program's objectives are consistent with priority recovery recommendations as cited in NMFS' September 5, 2012, CCC coho salmon recovery plan (NMFS 2012).

The GRWC has the technical knowledge to plan and implement erosion control and habitat restoration projects and the professional capacity to select and manage local professionals to conduct water management and conservation planning. Their proven track record of over 20 years of progressively complex restoration efforts makes the GRWC the ideal entity to implement this Program. We fully endorse this proposal as it is expected to expand upon the outstanding habitat restoration and water quality improvement work accomplished by the GRWC in the Gualala River watershed.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Dan Wilson at (707) 578-8555 or via email at [dan.wilson@noaa.gov](mailto:dan.wilson@noaa.gov).

Sincerely,

*Alecia Van Atta*

Alecia Van Atta  
 Acting Assistant Regional Administrator  
 California Coastal Office



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September 29, 2015

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing in support of the “Productive Lands and Streams Program” proposal submitted by the Gualala River Watershed Council. I am a forester employed with the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, and have served for the past 22 years as the Northern California regional coordinator for the state’s forestry cost-share program, the California Forest Improvement Program. The Gualala River Watershed Council have been key partners in promoting the importance of forest management plans for landowners in the watershed, and I strongly support the goals and objectives of their proposal.

The Productive Lands and Streams Program will target landowners throughout the watershed, which spans portions of both Sonoma and Mendocino counties. Program funds will be utilized to provide more detailed plans and guidance to landowners interested in pursuing watershed restoration and erosion control projects and funding, as well as those interested in developing conservation easements for their properties. This program will expand and augment existing efforts by CAL FIRE and the Natural Resources Conservation Service to help private landowners develop forest management plans and identify projects and potential funding.

I believe this program will compliment my efforts to make the California Forest Improvement Program available to additional forest landowners, as well as help the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection fulfill our mission to protect lives, property, and natural resources in the watershed.

Sincerely,

JILL BUTLER  
Division Chief, Forest Assistance



September 30, 2015

California State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

RE: Letter of Support for Gualala River Watershed Council Proposition 1 Proposal entitled: The Productive Lands and Streams Program

Dear Ms Gear:

The Coast Ridge Community Forest (CRCF) is providing this letter of support for the Gualala River Watershed Council (GRWC) Proposal referenced above and being submitted to the Proposition 1 funding opportunity. We fully endorse this proposal to expand upon the outstanding habitat restoration and water quality improvement work accomplished by the GRWC in the Gualala River watershed.

The ecological health of the watershed all depends on the personal management decisions landowners make about their land. This new Program will enable individual landowners in the Gualala River watershed to generate a comprehensive, sustainable land and water resource management plan for their property with continuance past their ownership. The CRCF has partnered with the GRWC on its Flow Bank rainwater catchment program and its ongoing effort to assist small landowners with forest management planning in the watershed. Through the above projects and the organization's restoration work in the south fork of the watershed, the CRCF can attest to the GRWC's technical knowledge to plan and implement erosion control and habitat restoration projects and the professional capacity to select and manage local professionals to conduct water management and conservation planning.

We commend the Gualala River Watershed Council for taking the next logical step in its restoration efforts for the Gualala River watershed. The Productive Lands and Streams Program has our fullest support and we look forward to partnering with the GRWC to achieve the outcomes set forth in this proposal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Judy Rosales".

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cc: Kathleen Morgan, GRWC Executive Director



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September 30, 2015

Karyn Gear  
California State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

RE: Letter of Support for Gualala River Watershed Council Proposition 1 Proposal entitled: The Productive Lands and Streams Program

Dear Ms. Gear:

Sonoma Land Trust is providing this letter of support for the Gualala River Watershed Council (GRWC) Proposal referenced above that is being submitted to the Proposition 1 funding opportunity. We fully endorse this proposal to expand upon the outstanding habitat restoration and water quality improvement work accomplished by the GRWC in the Gualala River watershed.

This new Program will not only implement regional, state, and federal goals for water quality improvement, water supply reliability, and species protection, but will also enable individual landowners in the Gualala River watershed to generate comprehensive, sustainable land and water resource management plans for their properties with continuance past their ownership. The GRWC has the technical knowledge to plan and implement erosion control and habitat restoration projects and the professional capacity to select and manage local professionals to conduct water management and conservation planning. Their proven track record of over 20 years of complex restoration efforts makes the GRWC the ideal entity to implement this Program.

The Productive Lands and Streams Program is the next logical step in watershed restoration efforts for the Gualala River watershed and it has our fullest support. We are excited to partner with the GRWC to achieve the outcomes set forth in this Proposal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dave Koehler", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Dave Koehler  
Executive Director

cc: Kathleen Morgan, GRWC Executive Director



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September 29, 2015

California State Coastal Conservancy  
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RE: Letter of Support for Gualala River Watershed Council Proposition 1 Proposal entitled: The Productive Lands and Streams Program

Dear Ms Gear:

Redwood Coast Land Conservancy is providing this letter of support for the Gualala River Watershed Council (GRWC) Proposal referenced above and being submitted to the Proposition 1 funding opportunity. We fully endorse this proposal to expand upon the outstanding habitat restoration and water quality improvement work accomplished by the GRWC in the Gualala River watershed.

This new Program will not only implement regional, state and federal goals for water quality improvement, water supply reliability, and species protection, but also enable individual landowners in the Gualala River watershed to generate a comprehensive, sustainable land and water resource management plan for their property with continuance past their ownership. The GRWC has the technical knowledge to plan and implement erosion control and habitat restoration projects and the professional capacity to select and manage local professionals to conduct water management and conservation planning. Their proven track record of over 20 years of progressively complex restoration efforts makes the GRWC the ideal entity to implement this Program.

The Productive Lands and Streams Program is the next logical step in watershed restoration efforts for the Gualala River watershed and it has our fullest support. We look forward to partnering with the GRWC to achieve the outcomes set forth in this Proposal. Our land trust is very appreciative of the achievements of Gualala River Watershed Council and is grateful for their leadership in watershed conservation and restoration.

Sincerely,

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