

Exhibit 3: Project Letters  
City of Ferndale



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September 14, 2015

To: California's Proposition 1 Grant Programs

Re: Support Letter for the 2016 Construction Season for the Salt River Ecosystem Restoration Project

To Whom It May Concern,

The City of Ferndale is very supportive of the Humboldt County Resource Conservation District's Proposition 1 proposal of restoring further reaches of the Salt River. We recognize the tremendous potential to enhance fish and wildlife habitat by restoring the historic Salt River channel and estuary, while at the same time greatly reducing the duration of flooding in the project area. The loss of the Salt River and Francis Creek channels in the Eel River Delta has led to significant flooding problems which impose severe economic burdens on farmers and residents in the project area. The routine flooding also imperils the safe operation of the City of Ferndale's wastewater treatment plant. This facility depends on upon the success of the Salt River Ecosystem Restoration Project and especially the project footprint this proposal describes. In this sense, the Salt River Ecosystem Restoration Project will be a win-win for the environment and agriculture, and for Ferndale area residents.

We respectfully encourage you to support The Humboldt County Resource Conservation District's efforts to restore the Salt River and Francis Creek channels; for its habitat restoration, flood damage reduction, and economic revitalization potentials.

Sincerely,



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September 15, 2015

To: California Proposition 1 Restoration Grant Program

Subject: Support Letter for the Salt River Ecosystem Restoration Project Components

Dear Proposal Reviewer:

I am writing to convey strong support for the Humboldt County Resource Conservation District's funding Proposition 1 proposal to support the Salt River Ecosystem Restoration Project (SRERP). The County of Humboldt recognizes the tremendous potential to enhance fish and wildlife habitat by restoring the historic Salt River channel and estuary, while at the same time greatly reducing the duration and severity of flooding in the project area. The loss of the Salt River channel through sedimentation has led to significant flooding problems which impose severe economic burdens on farmers and residents in the project area, as well as adversely affecting County roads and bridges. The Salt River Ecosystem Restoration Project will thus deliver substantial benefits for the environment, agriculture, and public infrastructure.

In support of the project, Humboldt County Public Works is currently replacing the crossing over Francis Creek at Port Kenyon Road, which is included in the SRERP's larger design plans, in order to improve anadromous fish passage and enhance flow conveyance. In 2010 and 2011, Humboldt County Public Works implemented emergency projects to alleviate the public safety hazard on Port Kenyon Road associated with flooding and sedimentation. This was also designed to temporarily provide water quality benefits by increasing in-channel flows, improving mixing, and increasing dilution of the City of Ferndale wastewater discharge, and to enhance fish habitat conditions by improving passage and reducing the risk of stranding. However, these efforts are only partial solutions to the systems' problems and would fully benefit from the implementation of the Salt River Ecosystem Restoration Project.

Humboldt County has worked closely with the Humboldt County RCD on their Salt River programs and projects. The Humboldt County RCD has a strong track record of working with local residents, agricultural producers, public agencies, and non-profit organizations. With the Conservancy's strong and longstanding support, the Salt River Ecosystem Restoration Project has achieved substantial success in the initial construction phases. However, the work is incomplete and must continue to achieve sustainable conditions. Humboldt County supports the Humboldt County RCD's funding application, and we look forward to continuing the work to achieve the vision of a dynamic, resilient, and thriving Salt River.

Sincerely,

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September 14, 2015

Charles Bonham, Director  
California Department of Fish and Wildlife  
1416 9<sup>th</sup> Street, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Support Letter for the 2016 Implementation of the Salt River Ecosystem Restoration Project

Dear Mr. Bonham:

I write to express my continued support for the Humboldt County Resource Conservation District's efforts to restore the channel of the Salt River, an important tributary of the Eel River in the northern part of my congressional district.

By restoring vital wetlands and riparian habitat and rehabilitating the Salt River channel, their work provides remarkable benefits to the fish and wildlife of the Eel River and Salt River watersheds. The project is also vital to preventing flooding and increasing agricultural productivity. These efforts will substantially help private landowners, wildlife and the salmon and steelhead fisheries of the Eel River basin and the larger region.

Thank you for your full and fair consideration of this important project to increase the value of the vital Eel River estuary and watershed.

Sincerely,

  
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This recent support letter is in support of project elements , however it is for a different grant program.



June 30, 2015

To: NOAA Restoration Center/NOAA Fisheries  
Coastal Ecosystem Resiliency Grants Program  
1315 East West Highway, Rm 14853  
Silver Spring, MD 20910

Subject: Letter of support for Restoring Critical Ecosystem Function to the Eel River Delta

To Whom It May Concern:

The Coastal Conservancy strongly supports the Humboldt County Resource Conservation District's proposal for Restoring Critical Ecosystem Function to the Eel River Delta. The 2016 construction season for the Salt River Ecosystem Restoration Project represents a crucial step towards restoring historic habitat in the Salt River Watershed portion of the Eel River Delta.

In 2014 the Eel River Delta was nationally recognized by the National Fish Habitat Action Partnership as a "Waters To Watch." This attention was due in large part to the landscape scale ecosystem restoration underway along the banks of the Salt River. Among other benefits, the project is restoring hundreds of acres of once reclaimed tidal marsh, miles of historic but fully dysfunctional slough networks and more, all while benefitting the local agricultural economy so important to Humboldt County and the State of California.

The State Coastal Conservancy has worked closely with the Humboldt County RCD for more than 25 years to implement the Salt River Ecosystem Restoration Project. We respectfully encourage your support of this effort.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Karyn Gear", is written over a light blue circular graphic element.

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25 September, 2015

To: Proposition 1 Restoration Grant Program

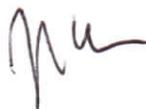
To Whom It May Concern,

The Salt River Watershed Council (SRWC) is a local 501 (c) 3 organization working with residents of the Salt River Watershed community, as well as the Humboldt County Resource Conservation District (HCRCD) and other partners and stakeholders, to restore the Salt River. The eleven SRWC board members are each landowners and land managers who volunteer their time to identify and look for solutions to resource issues within the Salt River watershed. The specific purposes for which the SRWC is organized are to foster education and encourage public cooperation to restore, improve, protect, and maintain ecosystem functions, and agricultural, economic and community sustainability in the Salt River Watershed.

Over the past several years SRWC has supported the implementation the Salt River Ecosystem Restoration Project to restore function to the watershed. This will reduce severe flooding and ponding; improve conditions for agriculture; and enhance fish and wildlife habitat. When construction of the restoration project is complete SRWC will ultimately assume responsibility for helping the community monitor, maintain and manage the restoration effort in perpetuity.

The importance this project has to the community, local government, and to fish and wildlife is immense. The SRWC supports the HCRCD's proposal for the proposed 2016 construction season, planning and monitoring, and would like to convey its commitment to the success of this project.

Sincerely,



Jay Russ, Chairman  
Board of Directors  
Salt River Watershed Council  
Ferndale, CA

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