

# California State Senate

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SECOND SENATE DISTRICT



February 8, 2016

Chairman Doug Bosco  
State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13<sup>th</sup> floor  
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I am writing to express my support for the City of Eureka's proposed Elk River Estuary Enhancement Project. The project will plan for the restoration and enhancement of over 200 acres of valuable coastal wetlands, providing critical habitat to coho salmon and other special status fish and wildlife, and facilitating sea level rise adaptation for critical infrastructure.

The project will convene a diverse group of landowners who are supportive of tidal marsh restoration, including the City, Humboldt County, the Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation, and Conservation District, Pacific Gas and Electric, the Natural Resources Conservation Service, and private landowners. The planning area contains an important wastewater transmission line and is adjacent to a low-lying stretch of Highway 101 that will be increasingly vulnerable to inundation as sea level rise progresses. The project will utilize a living shoreline approach to protect this critical infrastructure, while benefiting fish populations.

Anadromous fish restoration and recovery is very important to my district for ecological, economic, and cultural purposes. This is an important project for the restoration of valuable estuarine wetlands and wildlife habitat and is a model for cooperative restoration efforts providing multiple benefits to our north coast communities. I thoroughly support these types of fisheries restoration projects.

If I can be of any assistance, please don't hesitate to call my office at (707) 445-6508. Thank you for your consideration of this proposal.

Warmest Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "MIKE MCGUIRE".

MIKE MCGUIRE  
Senator



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
**COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT**  
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March 1, 2016

Chairman Doug Bosco  
State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13th floor  
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Chairman Bosco:

On behalf of the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors, I am writing to express our support for the City of Eureka's proposed Elk River Estuary Enhancement Project. The project will plan for the restoration and enhancement of over 200 acres of valuable coastal wetlands, providing critical habitat to Coho salmon and other special status fish and wildlife, and facilitating sea level rise adaptation for critical infrastructure.

The project will convene a diverse group of landowners who are supportive of tidal marsh restoration, including the City of Eureka, Humboldt County, the Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation, and Conservation District, Pacific Gas and Electric, the Natural Resources Conservation Service, and private landowners. The planning area contains an important wastewater transmission line and is adjacent to a low-lying stretch of Highway 101 that will be increasingly vulnerable to inundation as sea level rise progresses. The project will utilize a living shoreline approach to protect this critical infrastructure, while benefiting viable fish populations in our Northern California Rivers.

Anadromous fish restoration and recovery is very important to Humboldt County for ecological, economic, and cultural purposes. This is an important project for the restoration of valuable estuarine wetlands and wildlife habitat and is a model for cooperative restoration efforts providing multiple benefits to our north coast communities. Our Board thoroughly supports these types of fisheries restoration projects.

Sincerely,

Mark Lovelace, Chair  
Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

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**Pacific Gas and  
Electric Company**<sup>®</sup>

**Carl Schoenhofer**  
Senior Manager  
Local Customer Experience

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February 26, 2016

Chairman Doug Bosco  
State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612

Re: Elk River Estuary Enhancement Project

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I am writing on behalf of Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) to express support for the City of Eureka's proposed Elk River Estuary Enhancement Project.

PG&E has gas and electric assets within the project area, and based on preliminary meetings and field visits with the project team, there appears to be no detrimental impact to our ability to inspect, maintain, improve, or replace our gas and electric infrastructure, so long as dirt/gravel berms are created over our gas lines and under our electric lines to maintain maintenance access as required by state and federal regulations. Further, PG&E expects that permitting and construction for protection measures of our facilities will be included in the overall project.

Implementation of this project will result in the restoration and enhancement of over 200 acres of coastal wetlands, providing critical habitat to coho salmon and other special status fish and wildlife, and facilitating sea level rise adaptation for critical infrastructure.

PG&E supports this project and looks forward to working with project partners to restore valuable estuarine wetlands and wildlife habitat as long as these measures do not interfere with our ability to inspect, maintain, improve, or replace our gas and electric infrastructure in the area. I am available to answer any questions or provide further information, as needed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Carl Schoenhofer'.

*Carl Schoenhofer*  
*Humboldt Division Senior Manager*  
*Humboldt, Mendocino, Lake and Trinity Counties*  
**Pacific Gas & Electric Company**  
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February 10, 2016

Chairman Doug Bosco  
State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13<sup>th</sup> floor  
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I am writing to express my support for the City of Eureka's proposed Elk River Estuary Enhancement Project. The project will plan for the restoration and enhancement of over 200 acres of valuable coastal wetlands, providing critical habitat to coho salmon and other special status fish and wildlife, and facilitating sea level rise adaptation for critical infrastructure. The project will convene a diverse group of landowners who are supportive of tidal marsh restoration, including the City, Humboldt County, the Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation, and Conservation District, Pacific Gas and Electric, the Natural Resources Conservation Service, and private landowners.

The planning area contains an important wastewater transmission line, is adjacent to a low-lying stretch of Highway 101, and contains several key County roadways that will be increasingly vulnerable to inundation as sea level rise progresses. The project will utilize a living shoreline approach to protect this critical infrastructure, while benefiting viable fish populations in our Northern California rivers. Anadromous fish restoration and recovery is very important to Humboldt County for ecological, economic, and cultural purposes. The project has the strong potential to enhance cooperative restoration efforts that are being planned further up the Elk River watershed. This is an important project for the restoration of valuable estuarine wetlands and wildlife habitat and is a model for cooperative restoration efforts providing multiple benefits to our north coast communities.

Sincerely,



Hank Seemann  
Deputy Director - Environmental Services

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**Humboldt Bay**  
**Harbor, Recreation and Conservation District**  
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P.O. Box 1030  
Eureka, California 95502-1030



Chairman Doug Bosco  
State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13<sup>th</sup> floor  
Oakland, CA 94612

February 11, 2016

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I am writing to express the Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation, and Conservation District's (District) support for the City of Eureka's proposed Elk River Estuary Enhancement Project. The District is a tideland trustee in Humboldt Bay and the Project would advance many of the District's goals. These goals are described in the District's guiding document, the Humboldt Bay Management Plan ([www.humboldt-bay.org/documents](http://www.humboldt-bay.org/documents)). The Project would provide habitat restoration, appropriate shoreline management and sea level rise adaptation. In addition to these direct benefits, it would serve as a starting point for the important community discussions and partnerships that need to form for us to move forward with other important habitat restoration and sea level rise adaptation projects around Humboldt Bay.

The District owns property that would be a part of this Project and we look forward to participating. Please feel free to contact me if I can answer any questions regarding the value this Project will bring to Humboldt Bay.

Sincerely,

Adam Wagschal  
Deputy Director  
[awagschal@humboldt-bay.org](mailto:awagschal@humboldt-bay.org)  
Cell: 707-496-2088

Exhibit 4. Project Letters  
***Figas Construction***

Robert L. Figas  
General Engineering Contractor  
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707-442-2620 Main Office - 707-442-9455 Fax  
License No. 332773 Class A and C21

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February 18, 2016

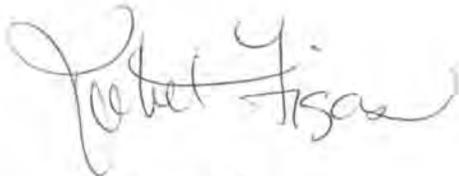
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I have property adjoining the north end of the project site that will also be affected by rising sea levels and look forward to being involved in the planning process to address this issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert Figas". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Robert Figas

Property Owner



EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
GOVERNOR



MATTHEW RODRIGUEZ  
SECRETARY FOR  
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

**State Water Resources Control Board**

**MAR 02 2016**

Mr. Sam Schuchat  
Executive Officer  
Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

Dear Mr. Schuchat:

**ELK RIVER ESTUARY AND TIDAL WETLANDS ENHANCEMENT PLANNING  
(PROJECT)**

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on this Project. You requested that we review the Project for consistency with the State Water Resources Control Board's (State Water Board) activities under the Clean Beach Initiative Program (CBI) (Chap. 3 commencing with Section 30915 of Div. 20.4 of the Public Resources Code), an Integrated Watershed Management Program, adopted local watershed management plans, and water quality control plans adopted by the State Water Board, and applicable Regional Water Quality Control Boards.

Division of Financial Assistance (Division) staff reviewed the Project synopsis included with your letter. The Project appears consistent with the goals of CBI.

Division staff also consulted with staff at the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board). The Project appears consistent with existing water quality control plans and policies of the State Water Board and the Regional Water Board, and is a necessary component of the Elk River restoration process. The City of Eureka (Applicant) should coordinate with the Elk River Watershed Stewardship Program to ensure consistency with other ongoing or emerging projects and to ensure that funds are being used effectively. Please have the Applicant contact Cybelle Immitt at (707) 267-9542, or at [cimmitt@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:cimmitt@co.humboldt.ca.us) to enroll in the process.

For questions concerning consistency with Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Programs, please have the Applicant contact the North Coast IRWM contact, Jennifer Jenkins Kuszmar at (707) 267-9540, or at [jjenkins@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:jjenkins@co.humboldt.ca.us).

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