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April 28th, 2016

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

RE: Klamath River Estuary Wetlands Conservation Project

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I am writing to express my support for the Northcoast Regional Land Trust's proposed Klamath River Estuary Wetlands Conservation Project.

The project will protect valuable wetlands and working lands through a conservation easement on the Bessette Ranch near Requa. This will advance the dual goals of benefiting vibrant rural communities and viable fish populations in our Northern California rivers.

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

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Thank you for your consideration of

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jim Wood".

JIM WOOD,
Assemblymember, 2nd District





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April 26, 2016

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

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I am writing to express my support for the Northcoast Regional Land Trust's proposed Klamath River Estuary Wetlands Conservation Project. The project will protect valuable wetlands and working agricultural lands through a conservation easement on the Bessette Ranch near Requa. It will thus advance the dual goals of benefiting vibrant rural communities and viable fish populations in our Northern California rivers.

Anadromous fish restoration and recovery is very important to Del Norte County for ecological, economic and cultural purposes. This is an important project for the protection of valuable estuarine wetlands and wildlife habitat and is a model for cooperative protection efforts providing multiple benefits to our north coast communities.

Sincerely,

Gerry Hemmingsen, Chair
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Mr. Dan Ashe
Director
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
1849 C Street
Washington, D.C. 20240

June 5, 2015

Dear Director Ashe:

I am the Livestock and Natural Resources Advisor for University of California Cooperative Extension for Humboldt and Del Norte Counties, where I advise landowners on a variety of livestock and rangeland management issues. I have particular interest in the interactions between grazing and wildlife, including the use of grazing as a management tool in wetland and upland habitats.

I am writing in support of the State Coastal Conservancy's Klamath River Estuary Wetlands Conservation Project on the Bessette Ranch in the Klamath River Estuary. In addition to protecting valuable wetlands and wildlife habitat with a conservation easement, this project provides unique research and educational opportunities in a coastal rangeland ecosystem that is both grazed (in part) and characterized by significant wetland features. I believe the project can help demonstrate the ways in which grazing methods may be used, in combination with other conservation practices, to maintain desired habitat conditions for target species.

Over the next two years, I will contribute to the development of a formal Grazing Plan on the property by working with the landowner, the Northcoast Regional Land Trust, and possibly other participating resource agencies in the interest of supporting good long-term range management and the effective conservation of wetland resources. I will provide an in-kind match consisting of 20 hours of my time to provide guidance and advice during the development of the Plan. At \$47.17/hour loaded rate, this contribution is valued at \$943.40. I am willing to count this staff time as an in-kind match for the project.

Additionally, I will try to incorporate the property into future rangeland management tours and similar events sponsored by UC Ag Extension as those events get organized. Examples like this project can lead others to adopt conservation-oriented grazing techniques across the large, agriculturally-zoned wetland landscapes that occur in this part of the country.

I respectfully encourage you to support this important project for the protection of valuable wetlands, rangelands, streams, and wildlife habitat.

Sincerely,

Jeff Stackhouse
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From: Dr. Yvonne Everett, Professor of Environmental Planning
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Mr. Dan Ashe
Director
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
1849 C Street
Washington, D.C. 20240

May 13, 2014

Dear Director Ashe:

I am faculty in the Department of Environmental Sciences and Management at Humboldt State University (HSU). I am supportive of the State Coastal Conservancy's Klamath River Estuary Conservation Project. In addition to its long-term benefits for plants and wildlife, I believe the project provides a valuable educational opportunity for students to learn about wetlands, wetlands restoration, and collaborative conservation projects. I plan to bring my classes out to the project area for site visits and class projects, and am willing to count my time in preparing and teaching these classes as an in-kind match towards the project.

Over the next two years, I will provide an in-kind match consisting of 20 hours of my time to provide our students with educational opportunities connected to the project. At \$55.43/hour loaded rate, this contribution is valued at \$1,108.60. I am willing to count this staff time as an in-kind match for the project.

I respectfully encourage you to support this important project for the protection of valuable wetlands, streams and wildlife habitat.

Sincerely,

Yvonne Everett