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Congress of the United States  
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May 3, 2016

Doug Bosco, Chairman  
State Coastal Conservancy  
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Dear Chairman Bosco:

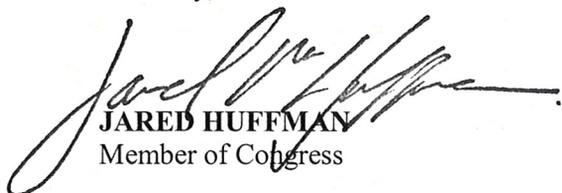
I am pleased to support the Proposition 1 grant request proposed in partnership by the North Coast Resource Conservation and Development Council (NCRCDC) and the Gold Ridge Resource Conservation District for the *Lower Green Valley Creek Coho Migration Enhancement Project*.

The goal of the project is to restore coho habitat and riparian function through lower Green Valley Creek to ensure migration to and from spawning habitat in the watershed's upper reaches by enhancing streamflow and providing off-channel winter refugia. If funded, the project will result in immediate and long-term benefits for both wildlife and people within this critical watershed.

The design development for off-channel habitat will take an important step towards providing high flow refugia for rearing juveniles and out-migrating smolts while addressing stranding problems in these tilled floodplains. The rainwater catchment system would be constructed on a popular farm offering frequent public tours and would provide a regional demonstration of tangible solutions to worsening water supply conflicts between human riparian users and endangered salmonid species. It would serve as a mitigation model of how the effects of drought and climate change on people and wildlife are not mutually exclusive. Additional water conservation designs would be developed to further offset stream withdrawals when implemented.

The project is well-qualified for Prop 1 funding and offers many benefits to my congressional district. It will aid both the rural communities and wildlife in the Green Valley Watershed and promote healthy streams, agricultural sustainability, and climate change resiliency. I hope you will give their request for funding your serious consideration.

Sincerely,

  
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Member of Congress

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April 29, 2016

Douglas Bosco, Chair  
California State Coastal Conservancy  
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**RE: Lower Green Valley Creek Coho Migration Enhancement Project**

Dear Chairman Bosco,

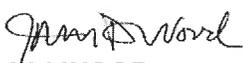
I write in support of a project proposed by the North Coast Resource Conservation and Development Council (NCRCDC), in partnership with the Gold Ridge Resource Conservation District, entitled the "Lower Green Valley Creek Coho Migration Enhancement Project." The goal of the project is to restore Coho habitat and riparian function through lower Green Valley Creek.

This partnership is seeking \$378,000 from the Proposition 1 Grant Program. With matching funds, the proposed project will ensure migration to and from spawning habitat in the watershed's upper reaches by enhancing streamflow and providing off-channel winter refugia. The project incorporates design and construction of large-scale water conservation measures to significantly reduce summer stream withdrawals and support the development of off channel habitat for winter flow. Additional water conservation designs will be developed that will, when implemented, further offset stream withdrawals.

Implementation of the proposed project will have immediate and long-term benefits for both wildlife and people within this critical watershed. The design development for the off-channel habitat will take an important step toward providing high flow refugia for juvenile fish migration, while addressing stranding problems in these tilled floodplains. The project also includes a rainwater catchment system that will be placed on the property of a nearby farm and will be open to the public for educational tours. In addition to being fully operable, this catchment system will demonstrate viable solutions to worsening water supply conflicts between human riparian users and endangered salmonid species. Moreover, it will demonstrate that efforts to mitigate the effects of drought and climate change on people and wildlife need not be mutually exclusive.

This project will be beneficial to rural communities and wildlife in the Green Valley Watershed, and will promote healthy streams, agricultural sustainability, and climate change resiliency. Thank you for your consideration of this proposal.

Respectfully,

  
JIM WOOD  
Assemblymember, 2<sup>nd</sup> District



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December 18, 2015

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ATTN: Proposition 1 Program Proposal Review Team

Dear Program Staff,

I support the proposed project of the North Coast Resource Conservation and Development Council (NCRCDC), in partnership with the Gold Ridge Resource Conservation District), entitled the "Lower Green Valley Creek Coho Migration Enhancement Project". The goal of the project is to restore coho habitat and riparian function through lower Green Valley Creek to ensure migration to and from spawning habitat in the watershed's upper reaches, by removing fish passage barriers, enhancing streamflow, and providing off-channel winter refugia. I understand that the Gold Ridge RCD is requesting funds from the State Coastal Conservancy's Proposition 1 Grant Program, to remove two obsolete dams along the Green Valley mainstem; design and construct large-scale water conservation projects to significantly reduce summer stream withdrawals; and support the development of large-scale off channel habitat/winter flow refugia.

I have worked cooperatively with Gold Ridge RCD in the past and know that it has a strong history of working with rural landowners and agricultural producers in their District to implement habitat enhancement and water security projects. As fiscal sponsor, the NCRCDC has successfully partnered with the RCD to facilitate participation in grant programs.

Implementation of the proposed project will have both immediate and long-term benefits for both wildlife and people within this critical watershed. The dam removals will address two of the most significant known fish passage barriers in lower Green Valley Creek, having immediate benefits to spawning coho struggling to access prime rearing habitat upstream. The design development for off-channel habitat will take an important step towards providing high flow refugia for rearing juveniles and out-migrating smolts, while addressing stranding problems in these tilled floodplains. The rainwater catchment system, to be constructed on a popular farm offering frequent public tours, will be significant regionally in demonstrating tangible solutions to worsening water supply conflicts between human riparian users and endangered salmonid species, and will demonstrate that efforts to mitigate the effects of drought and climate change on people and wildlife need not be mutually exclusive. Additional water conservation designs will be developed that will, when implemented, further offset stream withdrawals.

I fully support this endeavor that will aid both the rural communities and wildlife in the Green Valley Watershed, and will promote healthy streams, agricultural sustainability, and climate change resiliency.

Sincerely,

Efren Carrillo  
Supervisor, Fifth District



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
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December 22, 2015

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ATTN: Proposition 1 Program Proposal Review Team

Dear Program Staff,

The NOAA Restoration Center is pleased to support the proposed project of the North Coast Resource Conservation and Development Council (NCRCDC), in partnership with the Gold Ridge Resource Conservation District, entitled the "Lower Green Valley Creek Coho Migration Enhancement Project". The goal of the project is to restore coho salmon habitat and riparian function through lower Green Valley Creek to ensure migration to and from spawning habitat in the watershed's upper reaches, by removing fish passage barriers, enhancing streamflow, and providing off-channel winter refugia habitat. We have worked cooperatively with Gold Ridge RCD in the past and know that it has a strong history of working with rural landowners and agricultural producers in their District to implement habitat enhancement and water security projects. As fiscal sponsor, the NCRCDC has successfully partnered with the RCD to facilitate participation in grant programs.

Implementation of the proposed project will have both immediate and long-term benefits for both wildlife and people within this critical watershed. The dam removals will address two of the most significant known fish passage barriers in lower Green Valley Creek, having immediate benefits to spawning coho salmon struggling to access prime rearing habitat upstream. The design development for off-channel habitat will take an important step towards providing high flow refugia for rearing juveniles and out-migrating smolts, while addressing stranding problems in these tilled floodplains. The rainwater catchment system, to be constructed on a popular farm offering frequent public tours, will be significant regionally in demonstrating tangible solutions to worsening water supply conflicts between human riparian users and endangered salmonid species, and will demonstrate that efforts to mitigate the effects of drought and climate change on people and wildlife need not be mutually exclusive.

We fully support this endeavor that will aid both the endangered coho salmon and rural communities in the Green Valley Creek Watershed, and will promote healthy streams, agricultural sustainability, and climate change resiliency. If you have any questions feel free to contact Joe Pecharich of my staff at (707) 575-6095 or at [joe.pecharich@noaa.gov](mailto:joe.pecharich@noaa.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Pat J. Rutten", with the word "for" written below it.

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