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April 25, 2016

The Honorable Douglas Bosco, Chair
State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, Suite 1300
Oakland, CA 94612

Re: Support for Lagunitas Creek Floodplain and Riparian Habitat Enhancement Planning Project

Dear Chairman Bosco & Conservancy Board Members:

I am writing in support of Turtle Island Restoration Network's funding request of \$490,000 for the Lagunitas Creek Floodplain and Riparian Habitat Enhancement Planning Project. The proposed project will develop designs and permit applications to restore floodplain, riparian and in-channel habitat for coho salmon and other fish and wildlife in the Lagunitas Creek watershed in western Marin County.

What makes this project so exciting is that it will create a partnership between the National Park Service, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, the Turtle Island Restoration Network and the community itself to plan in advance for watershed restoration.

This Central California Coast population of coho salmon is listed as endangered in both the U.S. Endangered Species Act (2005) and California's Endangered Species Act (2005). The proposed project fulfills important restoration objectives listed in both the State and Federal Recovery Plans and will be a model for community-based watershed restoration projects throughout the state.

I urge that you give the Turtle Island Restoration Network's funding request your full consideration. If our office can be of any assistance please don't hesitate to call (415) 479-6612.

Sincerely,

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

MIKE MCGUIRE
Senator

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May 4, 2016

Mr. Doug Bosco, Chairman
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Bosco:

I am writing to express my support for the Turtle Island Restoration Network's funding request for the Lagunitas Creek Floodplain and Riparian Habitat Enhancement Planning Project. The proposed project will develop designs and permit applications to restore floodplain, riparian and in-channel habitat for coho salmon and other fish and wildlife in the Lagunitas Creek. This West Marin project brings together state agencies, local organizations, and the community to advance planning for watershed restoration.

This project fulfills important restoration objectives in both the State and Federal Recovery Plans. The floodplain restoration will take a large leap forward in securing healthy populations of endangered coho, steelhead, California freshwater shrimp, and other wildlife. The partnership approach to this project demonstrates a model for community-based watershed restoration throughout Marin County and the State.

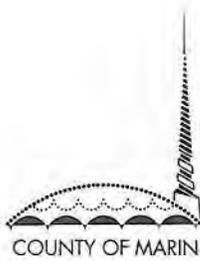
I respectfully request the California Coastal Conservancy to look favorably at this application.

If you have any questions or if I can be of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me or my office at (415) 479-4920.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Marc Levine".

MARC LEVINE



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Mr. Doug Bosco
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RE: Letter of Support for the Lagunitas Creek Floodplain and Riparian Habitat Enhancement Planning Project

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I am writing to express my support for Turtle Island Restoration Network's funding request for the Lagunitas Creek Floodplain and Riparian Habitat Enhancement Planning Project. The proposed project will develop designs and permit application to restore floodplain, riparian and in-channel habitat for coho salmon and other fish and wildlife in the Lagunitas Creek watershed in western Marin County. This project brings together the National Park Service, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, the Turtle Island Restoration Network, and the community to advance planning for watershed restoration.

The Central California Coast population of coho salmon is listed as endangered under both the U.S. Endangered Species Act (2005) and California's Endangered Species Act (2005). This project fulfills important restoration objectives in both the State and Federal Recovery Plans for Central California Coast coho salmon. The floodplain restoration undertaken as a result of this project will take a large leap forward in securing healthy populations of endangered coho, steelhead, California freshwater shrimp, and other imperiled wildlife within the central coast region.

The partnership approach demonstrated by this project will be a model for community-based watershed restoration which can be applied throughout watersheds in Marin County and the State.

Thank you for giving this request your full consideration.

Sincerely,

Damon Connolly

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