

Exhibit 3: Project Letters

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May 9, 2016

Douglas Bosco, Chairman
State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
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C/O: Sarah Stoner-Duncan
Central Coast Wetlands Group

Dear Mr. Bosco:

I am writing to express my support for the application submitted by Coastal Conservation and Research, Inc. and the Central Coast Wetlands Group for Climate Ready grant funding to support the Salinas River State Beach Dune Restoration Project.

As Chair of the Assembly Select Committee on Coastal Protection, I've had the opportunity to hold hearings addressing the impacts of sea level rise and beach erosion on California's coast. What is evident is that the dunes of southern Monterey Bay are eroding at alarming rates. At Salinas River State Beach, this erosion threatens a critical habitat that includes many species of birds, including the California brown pelican, red-tailed hawk, American kestrel, western snowy plover, western gull, black phoebe, western scrub-jay, California towhee and white-crowned sparrow to name just a few. The dunes also act as a natural barrier to assist in preventing coastal flooding and protecting coastal resources from storm damage.

The proposed dune restoration project builds upon the regional efforts to test strategies to adapt to sea level rise that support natural processes and protect environmentally sensitive habitats. Erosion of these dunes, exacerbated by invasive ice plant, compromises these services. This project seeks to: 1) restore dune systems to reduce vulnerability to sea level rise through the eradication of exotic species and establishment of native plants in the project area, 2) protect coastal agricultural and wetland resources from the impacts of sea level rise; 3) work with CA State Parks to enhance public coastal access while protecting the sensitive dune ecosystem, 4) provide community outreach and education to local communities about the importance of native plants and dune systems; and 5) document the success of a "green" sea level rise adaptation strategy for further use along California's coast line.

Thank you for considering this very worthy project, and feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Mark Stone
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May 5, 2016

Douglas Bosco, Chairman
State Coastal Conservancy
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CO: Sarah Stoner-Duncan
Central Coast Wetlands Group

Dear Mr. Bosco,

I am writing to express my support for the Salinas River State Beach Dune Restoration Project being proposed by Coastal Conservation and Research and the Central Coast Wetlands Group.

Coastal communities in the Monterey Bay region face increasing threats from coastal erosion and flooding due to sea level rise. The proposed dune restoration project builds upon the regional efforts to test strategies to adapt to sea level rise (SLR) that support natural processes and protect environmentally sensitive habitats. Coastal habitats, specifically sand dunes, help to prevent coastal flooding and protect coastal resources from storm damage while providing critical habitat to many species.

Erosion of these dunes, exacerbated by invasive ice plant, compromises these services. This project seeks to: 1) restore dune systems to reduce vulnerability to sea level rise through the eradication of exotic species and establishment of native plants in the project area, 2) protect coastal agricultural and wetland resources from the impacts of sea level rise, 3) work with CA State Parks to enhance public coastal access while protecting the sensitive dune ecosystem, 4) provide community outreach and education to local communities about the importance of native plants and dune systems, and 5) document the success of a "green" sea level rise adaptation strategy for further use along California's coast line.

As the County Supervisor representing the upper Salinas Valley, I am fully aware of the threats our community faces from flooding during winter storms and high seas. There are a number of planning efforts currently underway within Monterey County that will benefit from the restoration of the Salinas State Beach dunes and the increased storm resiliency this restoration effort will provide for our adjacent agriculture and urban areas.

I appreciate this opportunity to express my support for this project. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

John M. Phillips



MONTEREY DUNES COLONY



November 17, 2014

Trish Chapman:
Climate Ready Grant, Central Coast Program Manager
State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Ms. Chapman:

The Monterey Dunes Colony Association is writing to support the Central Coast Wetlands Group application titled "Coastal protection through dune restoration" being submitted to the State Coastal Conservancy's Climate Ready Grant Program.

This dune restoration project builds upon ongoing regional efforts to address sea level rise and evaluate coastal adaptation strategies. Coastal communities in the Monterey Bay region have increasing threats of coastal erosion and flooding due to sea level rise. Natural habitats, specifically sand dunes, provide numerous services such as helping to retain fresh water at the coast, preventing coastal flooding and protecting against storm damage from ocean storms, while also providing critical habitat to many species. Erosion of these dune systems compromises these services. This project seeks to: 1) restore and stabilize dune systems to reduce vulnerability to sea level rise through the eradication of exotic species and establishment of native plants in the project area, 2) protect coastal agricultural and wetland resources from the impacts of SLR; 3) work with CA State Parks to enhance public coastal access while also protecting the sensitive dune ecosystem, 4) provide community outreach and education to local communities about the importance of native plants and dune systems; and 5) provide a model to other coastal communities for a "green" sea level rise adaptation strategy.

The Monterey Dunes Colony is a community of 120 houses located along a mile of shoreline just north of the Salinas River. For nearly forty years, the residents of the Dunes Colony have worked to protect their dunes from the impacts of coastal erosion. The Dunes Colony has maintained and enhanced its native plant community, and has used shoreline drift fencing and sand nourishment to help rebuild its protective foredunes. The Central Coast Wetlands Group's proposed program of native plant restoration could help provide a significant benefit to the Dunes Colony's on-going dune protection initiatives.

We appreciate this opportunity to express our support for this proposal and urge the State Coastal Conservancy to approve the Central Coast Wetlands Group request for funds. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Thomas J. Bugary, CMCA CCAM
General Manager

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION
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Lisa Ann L. Mangat, Acting Director

August 8, 2014

Trish Chapman:
Climate Ready Grant, Central Coast Program Manager,
State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Ms. Chapman:

I am writing to support the Central Coast Wetlands Group application titled "Restoring Dunes along Salinas River State Beach as a Sea Level Rise Adaptation Strategy" being submitted to the State Coastal Conservancy's Climate Ready Grant Program.

Coastal communities in the Monterey Bay region have increasing threats of coastal erosion and flooding due to sea level rise. Natural habitats, specifically sand dunes, provide numerous services such as helping to retain fresh water at the coast, retarding coastal flooding and minimizing storm damage from ocean storms, while also providing critical habitat to many species. Erosion of these dune systems compromises their protective services. This project seeks to: restore and stabilize dune systems to reduce vulnerability to sea level rise through the eradication of exotic species in the project area, reinforce and strengthen native coastal plant communities, develop interpretive signs for coastal habitats, and monitor restoration success.

California State Parks will work closely with the Central Coast Wetlands Group to ensure that this project is consistent with the resource management goals for Salinas River State Beach. Exotic plant removal, dune restoration and enhancement, and sensitive species conservation are State Parks' primary natural resource objectives at this unit.

I appreciate this opportunity to express my support for this proposal. Please contact me if you have any questions at Amy.Palkovic@parks.ca.gov or 831-384-7420.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Amy Palkovic".

Amy Palkovic
Environmental Scientist



August 13, 2014

Trish Chapman:
Climate Ready Grant, Central Coast Program Manager
State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Ms. Chapman:

I am writing on behalf of the Center for Ocean Solutions in support of Central Coast Wetlands Group's application titled, "Restoring Dunes along Salinas River State Beach as a Sea Level Rise Adaptation Strategy" that is being submitted to the State Coastal Conservancy's Climate Ready Grant Program.

This dune restoration project aligns with recommendations reflecting the best available science from ongoing regional efforts to address sea-level rise and evaluate coastal adaptation strategies. Coastal communities in the Monterey Bay region have increasing threats of coastal erosion and flooding due to rising seas. Natural habitats—specifically sand dunes—provide numerous services, such as helping to retain fresh water at the coast, preventing coastal flooding and protecting against storm damage from ocean storms, while also providing critical habitat to many ecologically and economically important species. Erosion of these dune systems can compromise these services. This project seeks to: 1) restore and stabilize dune systems to reduce vulnerability to sea-level rise through the eradication of exotic species in the project area, 2) reinforce and strengthen native coastal plant communities, 3) work with California State Parks to establish foot trails over coastal dunes to reduce foot traffic in vulnerable areas prone to blow-outs, 4) develop interpretive signs for coastal habitats, and 5) monitor restoration success.

The analysis that our Center developed in collaboration with the Natural Capital Project for the Greater Monterey County Integrated Regional Water Management Plan supports this type of nature-based restoration to reduce social and ecological vulnerability. The dune systems in southern Monterey Bay—particularly in the project region—provide crucial protective services beyond erosion protection (e.g., habitat for critical species and opportunities for recreation) for the Salinas River area.

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4) provide education and outreach to the local community on the importance of dune habitats and the role they play in protecting against sea level rise; and 5) provide a model to other coastal communities for a “green” sea level rise adaptation strategy.

We appreciate this opportunity to express our support for this proposal and urge the State Coastal Conservancy to approve the Central Coast Wetlands Group’s request for funds. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Meg Caldwell".

Meg Caldwell
Executive Director
Center for Ocean Solutions
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August 7, 2014

Ms. Trish Chapman
Climate Ready Grant, Central Coast Program Manager
State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Subject: Letter of Support for Central Coast Wetlands Group's Grant Application

Dear Ms. Chapman:

The Monterey County Resource Management Agency is writing to support the Central Coast Wetlands Group application titled "Restoring Dunes along Salinas River State Beach as a Sea Level Rise Adaptation Strategy" being submitted to the State Coastal Conservancy's Climate Ready Grant Program.

This dune restoration project builds upon ongoing regional efforts to address sea level rise and evaluate coastal adaptation strategies. Coastal communities in the Monterey Bay region have increasing threats of coastal erosion and flooding due to sea level rise. Natural habitats, specifically sand dunes, provide numerous benefits such as helping to retain fresh water at the coast, preventing coastal flooding, protecting against storm damage from ocean storms, and providing critical habitat to many species. Erosion of these dune systems compromises these services.

This project seeks to: 1) restore and stabilize dune systems to reduce vulnerability to sea level rise through the eradication of exotic species in the project area, 2) reinforce and strengthen native coastal plant communities, 3) work with CA State Parks to establish foot trails over coastal dunes to reduce foot traffic in vulnerable areas prone to blow-outs, 4) develop

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August 7, 2014
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interpretive signs for coastal habitats, and 5) monitor restoration success. This work program would complement ongoing efforts by Monterey County to identify and implement sea level rise adaptation strategies and to collaborate with partners when possible to restore and enhance natural coastal habitats.

We appreciate this opportunity to express our support for this proposal and urge State Coastal Conservancy to approve the Central Coast Wetlands Group request for funds. Please contact Martin Carver, in our offices at 831/796-6049 or at carverm@co.monterey.ca.us, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Carl Holm', written in a cursive style.

Carl Holm, Deputy Director
Monterey County Resource Management Agency

cc: Sarah Stoner-Duncan, CCWG



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August 21, 2014

Trish Chapman:
Climate Ready Grant, Central Coast Program Manager
State Coastal Conservancy
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Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Ms. Chapman:

The Nature Conservancy's California Coastal Project is writing to support the Central Coast Wetlands Group application titled "Restoring Dunes along Salinas River State Beach as a Sea Level Rise Adaptation Strategy" being submitted to the State Coastal Conservancy's Climate Ready Grant Program.

This dune restoration project builds upon ongoing regional efforts to address sea level rise and evaluate coastal adaptation strategies. Coastal communities in the Monterey Bay region have increasing threats of coastal erosion and flooding due to sea level rise. Natural habitats, specifically sand dunes, provide numerous services such as helping to retain fresh water at the coast, preventing coastal flooding and protecting against storm damage from ocean storms, while also providing critical habitat to many species. Erosion of these dune systems compromises these services. This project seeks to: 1) restore and stabilize dune systems to reduce vulnerability to sea level rise through the eradication of exotic species in the project area, 2) reinforce and strengthen native coastal plant communities, 3) work with CA State Parks to establish foot trails over coastal dunes to reduce foot traffic in vulnerable areas prone to blow-outs, 4) develop interpretive signs for coastal habitats, and 5) monitor restoration success.

The Nature Conservancy is leading an effort, funded by a State Coastal Conservancy Climate Ready Grant, to facilitate coastal climate change adaptation in Southern Monterey Bay by educating local stakeholders and coastal managers about the physical and economic impacts of various adaptation strategies. The primary goal of the project is to maximize the conservation and restoration of coastal ecosystems by demonstrating the value of nature-based adaptation solutions to the communities they protect.

We appreciate this opportunity to express our support for this proposal and urge the State Coastal Conservancy to approve the Central Coast Wetlands Group request for funds. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Kelly Leo
Coastal Project Manager



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NATIONAL OCEAN SERVICE
Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary
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August 20, 2014

Climate Ready Grant, Central Coast Program
CA State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612
ATTN: Ms. Trish Chapman

Subject: Support for Central Coast Wetlands Group Project Proposal for Dune Restoration

Dear Ms. Chapman:

We at the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary are writing to support the Central Coast Wetlands Group application titled "Restoring Dunes along Salinas River State Beach as a Sea Level Rise Adaptation Strategy" being submitted to the State Coastal Conservancy's Climate Ready Grant Program.

This dune restoration project builds upon ongoing regional efforts to address sea level rise and evaluate coastal adaptation strategies. Coastal communities in the Monterey Bay region have increasing threats of coastal erosion and flooding due to sea level rise. Natural habitats, specifically sand dunes, provide numerous services such as helping to retain fresh water at the coast, retarding coastal flooding and minimizing storm damage from ocean storms, while also providing critical habitat to many species. Erosion of these dune systems compromises their protective services. This project seeks to: 1) restore and stabilize dune systems to reduce vulnerability to sea level rise through the eradication of exotic species in the project area, 2) reinforce and strengthen native coastal plant communities, 3) work with CA State Parks to establish foot trails over coastal dunes to reduce foot traffic in vulnerable areas prone to blow-outs, 4) develop interpretive signs for coastal habitats, and 5) monitor restoration success.

The benefits of this project align well with sanctuary goals of improving and increasing critical habitat for coastal species as well as stabilizing natural dune systems whereby reducing the need for coastal armoring. We urge the State Coastal Conservancy to approve the Central Coast Wetlands Group request for funds. Please contact me at (831) 647-4217 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Bridget Hoover
Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary