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March 29, 2016

Doug Bosco, Chair
California Coast Conservancy
1330 Broadway, #1300
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Chair Bosco:

This letter is to express my support for Trout Unlimited's application for \$117,500 of the Carmel River Settlement Funds for the Restoring Steelhead in Potrero Creek Project.

Potrero Creek is the first tributary available to Carmel River steelhead when migrating upstream from the ocean. Currently, access for adult steelhead to the upper portion of the watershed is blocked by barriers in the lower portion of Potrero Creek. The Restoring Steelhead in the Potrero Creek Project will assess these barriers, develop alternative designs to modify or remove the barriers, select preferred alternatives and, in the case of the most severe barriers, provide final design and construct alternatives. Removal of the existing barriers is a main component of the National Marine Fisheries Service South-Central Coast Steelhead Recovery Plan, as well as the California Department of Fish and Wildlife Task List for the Steelhead Restoration and Management Plan for California.

The Restoring Steelhead in Potrero Creek Project has received widespread support from stakeholders throughout the Carmel Valley region and I request that you give all due consideration to Trout Unlimited's request for money from the Carmel River Settlement Funds.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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WILLIAM W. MONNING
Senator, 17th District

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3/15/2016

State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, Suite 1300
Oakland, CA 94612

Re: Quail Lodge and Golf Club (Quail) / Potrero Creek Project Proposal
Carmel River Watershed, Carmel, CA

Attention; Trish Chapman

Dear Ms. Chapman,

Quail Lodge and Golf Club (Quail) is aware that Trout Unlimited is submitting a steelhead habitat restoration project proposal for Potrero Creek, tributary to the Carmel River, to the California State Coastal Conservancy (SCC) for funding consideration. The proposal includes work on our property and has been explained to me by Tim Frahm, Central Coast Steelhead Coordinator with Trout Unlimited (TU).

This project will evaluate existing stream conditions within our lands and will develop alternative concept-level designs for various approaches which will improve migration conditions for steelhead trout in Potrero Creek and potentially improve flood conveyance through the golf course.

We support the concept of restoring steelhead habitat and the goals of the project and approve the submittal.

We commit to work with TU and its partners to provide property access in a timely fashion and to working with the design team to evaluate the project alternatives that are proposed. Quail management is interested in exploring design options for possible incorporation into our future management decisions.

To be clear, we are not responsible for any of the costs associated with any of this effort nor are we under any obligation to approve anything. Whether we agree or don't agree to do anything on our property is within our absolute and sole discretion.



If no mutually supported solution is discovered, we understand that Quail shall have no obligation to approve construction of the project; however, if a design solution is found which achieves the goals of the SCC, Quail, TU and the design team, we support TU's efforts to secure funding for final mutually approved design.

Sincerely,



Max Schroeder
General Manager
Quail Lodge and Golf Club

Cc: Tim Frahm, Trout Unlimited



**The McKay Group
27200 Rancho San Carlos Road
Carmel, California 93923**

February 1, 2016

Trish Chapman
State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, Suite 1300
Oakland, CA 94612

Re: Carmel Valley Athletic Club (CVAC) / Potrero Creek Project Proposal, Carmel River
Watershed, Carmel, CA

Dear Ms. Chapman,

The Carmel Valley Athletic Club (CVAC), is aware that a steelhead habitat restoration project proposal for Potrero Creek, tributary to the Carmel River will be submitted to the California State Coastal Conservancy (SCC) for funding consideration. The proposal includes work on our property and has been explained to me by Tim Frahm, Central Coast Steelhead Coordinator with Trout Unlimited (TU).

This project will evaluate existing CVAC stream crossing conditions (2 locations) and will develop designs for improved infrastructure (box culverts, new culverts, bridges or other) which will eliminate migration barriers for steelhead trout in Potrero Creek and which will improve flood conveyance (reducing threat of flooding to CVAC).

We support the concept of restoring steelhead habitat and the goals of the project and approve the submittal.

We commit to work with TU and its partners to provide property access in a timely fashion and we commit to working with the design team to evaluate the project alternatives that are proposed.

If no mutually supported solution is discovered, we feel no obligation to carry out or construct the project. However, if a design solution is found which achieves the goals of the SCC, CVAC, TU and the design team, we support their efforts to find funding for construction.

Sincerely,


Adam W. Tight, CEO
The McKay Group

Cc: Tim Frahm, Trout Unlimited



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State Coastal Conservancy
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Re: the Potrero Creek Project Proposal Carmel River Watershed, Carmel, CA

Attention: Trish Chapman

Dear Ms. Chapman,

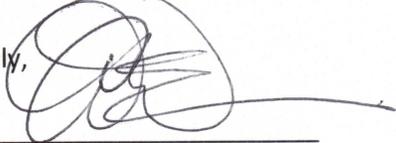
The Santa Lucia Conservancy (Conservancy) and the Santa Lucia Community Services District (CSD) are aware that a steelhead habitat restoration project proposal for Potrero Creek, tributary to the Carmel River will be submitted to the California State Coastal Conservancy (SCC) for funding consideration. The proposal includes work on our property and has been explained to us by Tim Frahm, Central Coast Steelhead Coordinator with Trout Unlimited (TU).

This project will evaluate a steelhead migration barrier under Chamisal Road and will provide conceptual recommendations for modification of the culvert which will relieve or eliminate the steelhead migration barriers if warranted.

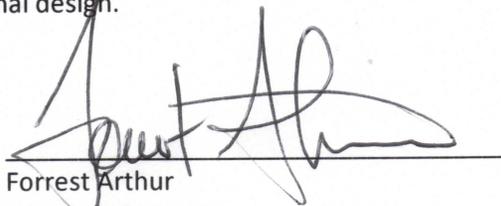
We fully support the concept of restoring steelhead habitat and the goals of the project and approve the submittal. We commit to work with TU and its partners to provide property access in a timely fashion and we commit to working with the design team to evaluate the project alternatives that are proposed.

If no mutually supported solution is discovered, we feel no obligation to carry out or construct the project; however, if a design solution is found which achieves the goals of the SCC, the Conservancy, CSD, TU and the design team, we support efforts to secure funding for final design.

Sincerely,



Christy Fischer
Executive Director
Santa Lucia Conservancy



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General Manager
Community Services District

Cc: Tim Frahm, Trout Unlimited



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4/1/2016

State Coastal Conservancy
C/O Douglas Bosco, Chairman
1330 Broadway, Ste. 1300
Oakland, CA 94612

RE: *Restoring Steelhead in Potrero Creek Project* (Carmel River Watershed) –Letter of Support

Dear Chairman Bosco:

This letter conveys the comments of the Carmel River Steelhead Association (CRSA), on the staff recommendation for the *Restoring Steelhead in Potrero Creek Project*.

Our organization's mission is the restoration and conservation of the federally threatened steelhead fishery on the Carmel River and its tributaries.

This project has been explained to CRSA by Tim Frahm, Central Coast Steelhead Coordinator with Trout Unlimited (TU). The project includes all of the major steelhead migration barriers within Potrero Creek, an important spawning and rearing tributary of the Carmel River, and engages and is supported by the three largest land owners within this sub-watershed.

CRSA strongly supports this project and staff's recommendation to authorize the disbursement of Carmel River Settlement funds to Trout Unlimited to prepare alternative analysis and designs for the modification or removal of the steelhead migration barriers within Potrero Creek.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Brian LeNeve
President
Carmel River Steelhead Association