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April 21, 2016

Douglas Bosco, Chair
Board of Directors
California State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

**RE: Support for the California State Coastal Conservancy Staff
Recommendation to Authorize Funding for Consultant Services Related to
the Ormond Beach Restoration Project**

Dear Chair Bosco:

As the State Senator representing the 19th Senate District, which includes the coastal wetlands at Ormond Beach in Ventura County, I am writing in support of the California State Coastal Conservancy (SCC) staff recommendation to authorize the use of \$350,000 to complete a restoration and public access plan for the area. The funding provided by the Board of Directors would be used to prepare a final plan to protect and restore coastal habitat at Ormond Beach, a critical step towards conserving and enhancing one of the largest wetland areas in Southern California.

Ormond Beach is comprised of a 1,500 acre area that hosts over 200 migratory bird species, including multiple threatened and endangered species, and is one of the few areas in Southern California with an intact dune-transition zone-marsh system. It is widely recognized by wetland experts to be the most important wetland restoration opportunity in Southern California.

The restoration plan would expand upon previously completed work and would help move this project towards its ultimate goal of restoring the approximate extent of historic wetlands, providing surrounding upland habitat to complete the ecosystem, and accommodating future sea level rise. By obtaining a critical mass of restored wetlands and habitat at Ormond Beach, this overall project will create a self-sustaining biological system and enough tidal prism and flushing action to maintain health and hydrologic function. There is the potential for this project to become the largest coastal wetland in Southern California.

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By funding the proposed restoration and public access plan, the SCC will be able to build upon the collaborative efforts between the SCC and partners at the federal, state, and local levels of government. There is also wide community support for this project and I believe this project will provide multiple benefits to the region. Restoring the Ormond Beach wetlands will ensure the protection of an important ecological resource and will positively impact the lives of the region's residents.

Thank you in advance for your consideration. If you need further information, please feel free to contact my District Representative, Allison Maginot, in my Oxnard District Office, 805-988-1940.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Hannah-Beth Jackson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

HANNAH-BETH JACKSON
Senator, 19th District
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April 26, 2016

Attn: Board of Directors
California Coastal Conservancy
c/o Chris Kroll
1330 Broadway, Suite 1300
Oakland, CA 94612

Re: Ormond Beach Restoration Plan

Dear Board of Directors:

On behalf of the 44th District of the California State Assembly, I wish to express my support and sincere appreciation for the California State Coastal Conservancy's (SCC) ongoing efforts to restore the Ormond Beach coastal wetlands in Ventura County, and request that the SCC governing Board of Directors approve funding for a comprehensive restoration plan for Ormond Beach so that this important work can continue.

California's coastal communities are an essential part of what makes our state such a great place to live and work and the SCC has been entrusted with the enormously important task of identifying and protecting our coastal habitats from a wide range of threats. The SCC's expert staff have aptly recognized the unique geography and ecological features of Ormond Beach and its surrounding wetlands as essential to our state's overall environmental well-being and have made it's restoration a priority. The SCC Staff have made significant progress using the information provided by the initial habitat restoration study in 2009, but this project cannot move forward without a comprehensive restoration plan.

A comprehensive restoration plan would allow SCC Staff to fully explore and evaluate all ten potential restoration opportunities identified by the preliminary study of Ormond Beach. If the SCC funding is not approved by the Board of Directors, the search for alternative sources of funding would delay completion of the restoration planning and make the already narrow window of opportunity to save these wetlands even smaller.

In addition to the many environmental benefits, the restoration and preservation of Ormond Beach will have a significant impact on the surrounding community. Approximately 17% of residents near Ormond Beach live below the poverty line, with almost 75% Latino and 37% foreign-born. The region has been disproportionately impacted by air and groundwater pollution and one in four children live in poverty. Permanently protecting and restoring these wetlands, which are the largest in Southern

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California, will not only protect an important ecological resource, but will enhance public access to the coast and improve the overall quality of life for underserved communities for generations to come.

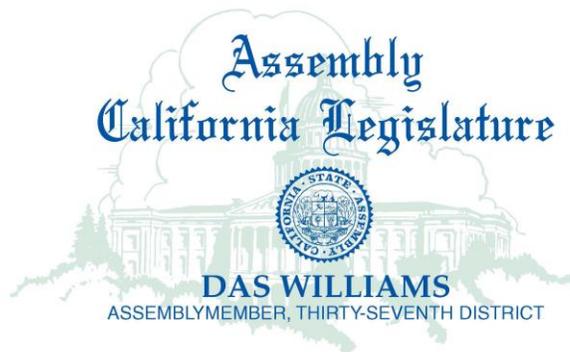
Thank you for the important work you do for our State and I hope that you will vote in favor of funding a comprehensive restoration plan for Ormond Beach.

Sincerely,

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JACQUI IRWIN
California State Assembly, AD 44

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May 4, 2016

Board of Directors
California State Coastal Conservancy
c/o Chris Kroll
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

Re: Ormond Beach Restoration Plan

To Board of Directors:

On behalf of the 37th Assembly District, I am writing to support The Nature Conservancy ("TNC") application for \$350,000 to develop a final restoration plan for the coastal wetlands at Ormond Beach, Ventura County. My office has supported TNC and the California State Coastal Conservancy for the past 6 years to protect the Ormond Beach area. This grant would be a critical step to reaching our mutual goal of restoring as much habitat as possible at Ormond Beach.

The restoration plan funded by this grant would build upon previously completed work, incorporate the latest science and data, identify preliminary designs for wetland restoration and public access, and lay the groundwork for final environmental permitting, engineering, and funding.

A comprehensive restoration and public access plan will build upon a strong foundation of collaborative efforts between the California State Coastal Conservancy and other federal, state, local, and community partners. With California State Coastal Conservancy funding, this next phase of restoration planning will help to: 1) enhance the ecological conservation and restoration of this area; 2) advance planning for Ormond Beach Wetlands Complex climate change adaption, as well as public access for recreation and education; and 3) complement momentum to secure a major acquisition in the area.

The Ormond Beach wetland restoration will provide multiple benefits, including ecological conservation of one of the largest wetland areas in Southern California. Restoring the Ormond Beach wetlands will not only protect an important ecological resource, but also improve the quality of life, enhance public access to the coast area for these residents of Oxnard and Ventura County, and a valuable research area.

I encourage your support of TNC's application and this important coastal area.

Sincerely,

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Das Williams

37th California Assembly District

cc: Lily Verdone, Coastal Project Director, The Nature Conservancy



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April 12, 2016

Douglas Bosco, Chair
California State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

Subject: Support of the California State Coastal Conservancy Staff Recommendation to Authorize Funding for Consultant Services to Complete Restoration and Public Access Planning for the Ormond Beach Wetlands Complex.

Dear Chair Bosco:

On behalf of the Ventura County Board of Supervisors, I am writing to urge your Board's full support of a significant opportunity to build upon the California State Coastal Conservancy's (SCC) investment at Ormond Beach wetlands, by authorizing funding at your May 26, 2016, meeting to complete a restoration and public access plan for the area. A comprehensive restoration and public access plan would provide that critical link to move forward on long-term efforts to protect, enhance, preserve, and restore the vast coastal resources at Ormond Beach.

The County expresses appreciation to the SCC for your historical investment in Ormond Beach that includes prioritizing wetlands restoration efforts in this area. Notably, this is identified as an important effort within the South Coast region, according to SCC's Strategic Plan. The Ormond Beach Wetlands Complex is widely recognized as the largest wetland restoration opportunity in southern California. Most unique, is that it is one of the few areas in southern California with an intact dune-transition zone-marsh system with surrounding upland habitat, and provides a rare uninterrupted transition from the ocean to upland areas. At this time, no other coastal wetland project in southern California has the amount of land available, as the Ormond Beach area, to accommodate a rise in sea-level and still maintain a full breadth of wetland functions.

A comprehensive restoration and public access plan will build upon a strong foundation of collaborative efforts between SCC and other federal, state, local, and community partners. With Conservancy funding, this next phase of restoration planning will help to:

- 1) enhance the ecological conservation and restoration of this area;
- 2) advance planning for Ormond Beach Wetlands Complex climate change adaption, as well as public access for recreation and education; and
- 3) complement momentum to secure a major acquisition in the area.

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Thank you for your consideration of this important next step for Ormond Beach wetlands restoration. Our Board enthusiastically supports this endeavor.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Linda Parks".

Linda Parks, Chair
Supervisor, Second District

Tim Flynn
Mayor



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April 19, 2016

Board of Directors
California State Coastal Conservancy
c/o Chris Kroll
1330 Broadway, Suite 1300
Oakland, CA 94612

Re: Ormond Beach Restoration Plan

To Board of Directors:

On behalf of the City of Oxnard, I am writing to support the staff request of \$350,000 to develop a final restoration plan for the coastal wetlands at Ormond Beach, Ventura County. The City has worked with the California State Coastal Conservancy and The Nature Conservancy ("TNC") for over a decade to protect the Ormond Beach area, and is participating on both the Steering Committee and the Ormond Beach Science Advisory Committee with Conservancy and TNC staff to oversee the planning process and assist with restoration planning.

The restoration plan funded by this grant would build upon previously completed work, incorporate the latest science and data, identify preliminary designs for wetland restoration and public access, and lay the groundwork for final environmental permitting, engineering, and funding. It is a critical step to reaching our mutual goal of restoring as much habitat as possible at Ormond Beach.

The City's commitment to restoring Ormond Beach is reflected in its long-range planning. Oxnard's 2030 General Plan identifies GOAL CD-22 (Environmentally sound Ormond Beach wetlands with appropriate public access) and implementing Policy CD-22.2 (Develop an Ormond Beach Visitor Access Plan). In addition, the 2030 General Plan includes GOAL ER-4 (Protected, restored, and enhanced sensitive habitat areas) with several implementing policies that are relevant to the Ormond Beach area, including Policy ER-4.1 (Encourage Protection of Sensitive Habitat), Policy ER-4.5 (Planning in Sensitive Areas).

The Ormond Beach wetland restoration will provide multiple benefits, including ecological conservation of one of the largest wetland areas in Southern California. Restoring the Ormond Beach wetlands will not only protect an important ecological resource, but also improve the quality of life and enhance public access to the coast area for these residents.

I encourage your support of this valuable project.

Sincerely,

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Tim Flynn
Mayor



United States Department of the Interior



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IN REPLY REFER TO:
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April 13, 2016

Board of Directors
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, Suite 1300
Oakland, California 94612

Subject: Letter of Support for Funding the Proposed Ormond Beach Restoration Plan
in Ventura County, California

Dear Sir or Madam:

We wish to express our strong support for the subject project that would: 1) finalize the restoration alternatives for restoring habitats at Ormond Beach and its surrounding wetlands in Ventura County; 2) evaluate a preferred restoration alternative ; 3) complete associated technical studies (possibly including water balance modeling, site specific sea level rise analysis, updated biological surveys, and soils suitability analysis); 4) complete a preliminary design of a preferred alternative; 5) support public process; 6) finalize the restoration plan; and 7) incorporate input of the Science Advisory Committee of which the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) actively participates along with numerous other local, State, and Federal partners.

The restoration of Ormond Beach and its surrounding wetlands will provide direct benefits to numerous federally-listed species including the threatened western snowy plover (*Charadrius nivosus nivosus*), and the endangered salt marsh bird's beak (*Chloropyron maritimus* ssp. *maritimus*), Ventura marsh milk vetch (*Astragalus pycnostachyus* var. *lanosissimus*), tidewater goby (*Eucyclogobius newberryi*), light-footed clapper (also known as Ridgway) rail (*Rallus longirostris levipes*), and California least tern (*Sterna antillarum browni*). The Service has identified Ormond Beach as a priority area for conservation within this region of the coast. Ormond Beach provides a key location for the implementation of many recovery actions for these federally-listed species and would also support the long-term conservation of many other sensitive native species at this important beach and wetland complex. The proposed Ormond Beach restoration plan is a critical next step in efforts to improve these priority habitats and would greatly support and facilitate the implementation of numerous key recovery actions in the next 5 years.

We have worked closely with the California Coastal Conservancy (SCC), The Nature Conservancy, City of Oxnard, Naval Base Ventura County, NRG Power, Ventura Audubon, and

California Coastal Conservancy

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numerous other partners at Ormond Beach for many years. We greatly appreciate and value the SCC's dedication to these local conservation efforts and hope that your support will continue as the collaboration of partners work toward restoring one of Southern California's largest intact beach and wetland complexes.

If you have any questions regarding our support of the Ormond Beach restoration planning efforts, please contact Chris Dellith of my staff at (805) 644-1766, extension 227, or by e-mail at chris_dellith@fws.gov.

Sincerely,



Stephen P. Henry
Field Supervisor

cc:
Chris Kroll, California Coastal Conservancy

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Mr. Chris Kroll
California State Coastal Conservancy
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April 11, 2016

Re: Letter of Support for Ormond Beach Wetland Restoration Plan Funding

Dear Mr. Kroll:

The Nature Conservancy supports the California State Coastal Conservancy's authorization of \$350,000 to fund the preparation of a restoration and public access plan for the Ormond Beach Wetlands Complex in Ventura County.

In 1993, The Nature Conservancy identified the Ormond Wetland Complex as a priority for protection and restoration. The region is one of the few areas in southern California with an intact dune-transition zone-marsh system and surrounding upland habitat, allowing restoration of an intact wetland ecosystem and providing a buffer against sea level rise and the impacts of global climate change. Since 1999, The Nature Conservancy, the California State Coastal Conservancy and the City of Oxnard have worked together to purchase and conserve over 650 acres the Ormond Beach wetland complex. Ormond Beach is immediately adjacent to an additional 2,100 acres of dunes and wetlands that are currently under the protection of the U.S. Navy at Point Mugu. The planned purchase of 561 acres known as the Southland Sod property will result in over 3,300 acres of beach, dune, wetland and upland habitat protection.

In 2009, the Coastal Conservancy commissioned a report examining potential restoration alternatives for the Ormond Beach area. If authorized, this funding will build upon the previous work resulting in a restoration plan that finalizes a preferred restoration alternative, incorporates the latest science and models of sea level rise for the area, provides preliminary designs for wetland restoration and public access and lays the groundwork for final environmental permitting, engineering and funding.

Wetland restoration at Ormond will provide multiple benefits identified by the Coastal Conservancy as priority for funding. These benefits are ecological conservation of one of the largest wetland areas in Southern California, climate change adaptation, and public access for recreation and education. Ormond Beach is located in the disadvantaged community of South Oxnard and within an hour drive of 16 million people. For these reasons, the Coastal Conservancy's 2013-2018 Strategic Plan, the City of Oxnard's 2030 General Plan and the 2014 Ventura County Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy identify restoration of Ormond Beach wetlands as a priority.

The Nature Conservancy has committed \$60,000 in additional funding for technical studies to support the restoration planning effort at Ormond. We have also dedicated over forty-percent of a staff person's time over the next several years to oversee technical studies and the restoration planning effort, participate in public meetings and co-lead the Science Advisory Committee. We encourage the Coastal Conservancy's support of this significant opportunity to complete a comprehensive restoration and public access plan that will forward the restoration of the unique gem that is Ormond Wetlands.

Sincerely,

Laura Riege
Restoration Manager, The Nature Conservancy



Ventura Audubon Society

March 22, 2016

Board of Directors
California State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

Ladies and Gentlemen:

On behalf of the Ventura Audubon Society, I wish to express our support for the Staff Report seeking \$350,000 to complete the restoration planning at Ormond Beach in Oxnard.

Ormond Beach is considered by wetland experts to be the most important wetland restoration opportunity in southern California. For more than twenty years, we have worked with the Coastal Conservancy, The Nature Conservancy, City of Oxnard and USFWS towards the goal of restoring this wetland. Restoration and responsible management are essential to the protection and restoration of listed species including the California least tern and the western snowy plover.

For most of those twenty years, Ventura Audubon has supported ongoing monitoring of these species, providing temporary fencing to define nesting areas and training and deploying docents to help educate beachgoers. In recent years, we have provided the funding to contract with permitted biologists for breeding season monitoring for the purpose of protecting and aiding in the recovery of these listed species. Currently, the monitor who is also a Board member of Ventura Audubon has joined the Advisory Committee developing the long term management plan. With nearly twenty years of experience collecting data on listed shorebirds at Ormond Beach she knows and understands the needs of these species in this location.

Completion of the planning process including selection of the preferred alternative as outlined in the 2009 Feasibility Study is an important step in restoring Ormond Beach and its wetlands.

Sincerely,



Bruce E. Schoppe
President

Los Padres Chapter, Sierra Club
P.O. Box 31241
Santa Barbara, CA 93130-1241

April 11, 2016

Douglas Bosco, Chair, and Board members
California State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th floor
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

Subject: Support CCC Staff request and recommendation for \$350,000 to fund preparation of Restoration Plan for Ormond Beach Wetlands, Ventura County

Chair Bosco and Board:

The Executive Committee of the Los Padres Chapter of the Sierra Club (Santa Barbara and Ventura Counties) supports the CSCC Staff's recommendation that \$350,000 be allocated to fund the preparation of the restoration plan for the Ormond Beach Wetlands.

Sierra Club members and countless other environmental organizations whose members live in Oxnard, Ventura and Camarillo have devoted countless hours over the last 30 or more years to save, protect and restore the Ormond Beach Wetlands.

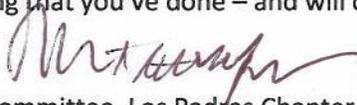
We would never have been able to do so without the guidance and leadership of the California Coastal Conservancy, whose Board and staff have long recognized the importance of this priceless area. Under your wise and watchful eyes, Ormond Beach has become a model – perhaps *the* model - for how to bring back to life a coastal wetland once in serious danger of disappearing like so many other wetlands along the California Coast.

This is the historical moment that my Sierra Club colleagues and countless community leaders have worked for decades to see: the beginning of the actual *restoration* of Ormond Beach to its historical grandeur. Because it's part of the Pacific Flyway, Ormond is already well known by birders around the world for the hundreds of bird species who live or nest here or drop by for a break during fly-overs.

Ormond also attracts school kids, college students and teachers who come to see the birds, and to see how a coastal wetland works. Students and teachers at California State University Channel Islands, just down the coast a few miles away, take great interest in the fate of Ormond Beach.

Now all that remains before the actual restoration can finally begin is the Restoration Plan. So please allocate \$350,000 toward its preparation.

Thanks for everything that you've done – and will continue to do in the future - for Ormond Beach.

Mike Stubblefield 
Chapter Executive Committee, Los Padres Chapter, Sierra Club
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From: Larry Godwin
To: SCC Chris Kroll
Date: 3/30/2016 9:59:38 PM
Subject: Funding for Preparation of Restoration Plan for Ormond Beach

California State Coastal Conservancy Board
c/o Chris Kroll
1330 Broadway, Suite 1300
Oakland, CA 94612

RE: Support for funding for Preparation of Restoration Plan for Ormond Beach

Members of the Board:

I am requesting that the Board support the \$350,000 funding request for preparation of the restoration plan for the Ormond Beach Wetlands in Oxnard, CA.

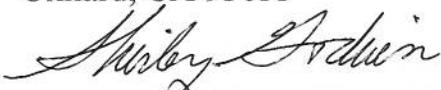
I have been a leader of the local community group, the Saviers Road Design Team, that has met weekly for many years. The group name comes from Saviers Road, the main street in Oxnard that runs to Ormond Beach. Our principal focus has been the preservation and restoration of the Ormond Beach Wetlands with controlled public access that allows the public to experience this asset while protecting the habitat.

This is an ideal time to move forward with restoration planning with the expectation that the SCC and The Nature Conservancy will soon be acquiring significant additional land to add to the Ormond Preserve. Also there are now completed sea level rise studies that will be incorporated in Oxnard's updated local coastal plan.

Since the feasibility study was completed in 2009, there has been a big increase in the number of people interested in Ormond Beach. The plan must provide for appropriate public access. There were 16,106 documented visitors at just one access point to Ormond in the past year. These included casual visitors, bird watchers and many students doing research from the local colleges, high schools and even elementary children.

It is very important for the planning to move forward.

Shirley Godwin
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Douglas Bosco, Chair
And The Board
California State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th floor
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

Subject: Ormond Beach Wetlands, Ventura County
Support the Staff's request and recommendation for \$350,000.
to fund preparation of the restoration plan.

Chair Bosco and the Board:

We support the Staff's recommendation for \$350,000. to fund the preparation of the restoration plan for the Ormond Beach Wetlands.

Many of us have worked for 30 years to protect the Ormond Beach wetlands. And before us, others protected the wetlands from proposed developments including housing and a marina.

The California Coastal Conservancy (CCC), The Board and the Staff, have recognized the great value and importance of the Ormond Beach Wetlands. You have done so by your land acquisitions; partnerships with The Nature Conservancy, the City of Oxnard, the County of Ventura and Navy Base Ventura County; engaging with other agencies, non-profits, land owners, volunteers and students through The Ormond Beach Task Force, and your "2009 Ormond Beach Wetlands Restoration Feasibility Study."

The CCC's Restoration Plan is now needed, to move forward towards the restoration of the Ormond Beach Wetlands, back to being the great wetlands it once was.

Already Ormond Beach is used for education from grade school to junior college and Cal State Channel Island University.

The Ormond Beach wetlands are an important part of the Pacific Flyway and an appreciated location for bird watchers ("Birders".)

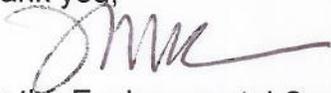
The protection and restoration is supported by the larger community, the Oxnard City Council, The Ormond Beach Task Force members, educators, students, kids, citizens and the environmental community.

On a personal note, in the mid-1980's, my husband and I bought fence post stakes. We and other volunteers used them with string and paper signs around the nesting sites of the endangered species least terns and snowy plovers' for "protection". Within a couple of years the State Fish and Game staff (now Cal Fish & Wildlife), took over the protection of the birds.

It's hard to image back then, how far the protection for Ormond Beach would come; the land acquisitions and hopefully more acquisitions, The CCC Feasibility Study, the partnerships, the Ormond Beach Task Force; and now the Restoration Plan.

We encourage and support the California Coastal Conservancy's continued work towards the complete of the Ormond Beach Wetlands, including the \$350,000. funding for the preparation of the Restoration Plan.

Thank you,



For the Environmental Coalition
Janis McCormick, President
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California State Coastal Conservancy Board
c/o Chris Kroll
1330 Broadway, Suite 1300
Oakland, CA 94612
SUBJECT: Ormond Beach Restoration Plan

April 16, 2016

Dear California State Coastal Conservancy Board,

CAUSE (Central Coast Alliance United for a Sustainable Economy) is writing this letter to express our support for the California State Coastal Conservancy submitting a request to its Board of Directors for \$350,000 to fund preparation of a restoration plan for Ormond Beach. CAUSE is a community organization working to build grassroots power for social, economic and environmental justice for the people of California's Central Coast Region through policy research, leadership development, organizing, and advocacy.

Since 2005, CAUSE has worked in the South Oxnard community trying to prevent pollution from further impacting this Environmental Justice community while protecting environmental assets like Ormond Beach. CAUSE has strongly advocated for policies that curb pollution in this low income community of color while building environmental stewardship for Ormond Beach by conducting bi-monthly trash cleans up of Ormond Beach with youth.

CAUSE has been working with Oxnard residents, community organizations, and environmental groups to protect Ormond Beach toward the vision that restoring Ormond Beach will be a benefit to not only South Oxnard residents, but the entire region and state of California. A restoration plan is now needed to fill critical information gaps identified in the feasibility study, identify a preferred alternative and complete a design alternative so restoration can proceed. CAUSE strongly supports this funding request for the restoration plan for Ormond Beach.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Maricela Morales".

Maricela Morales, Executive Director

Exhibit 4: Project Letters

From: [Steven Nash](#)
To: [Kroll, Chris@SCC](mailto:Kroll,Chris@SCC)
Subject: Coastal Conservancy Public Meeting in Sacramento – May 26, 2016 Agenda Item 20, Consideration and possible Conservancy authorization to disburse up to \$350,000 for environmental services to prepare a restoration and public access plan for the Ormond Beach
Date: Wednesday, May 18, 2016 5:33:58 AM

I just wanted to voice my support for Agenda Item 20. The Ormond Beach wetlands complex is just so important biologically, socially and economically that we must all support whatever funding and grants we can get to implement our vision for this unparalleled resource.

The environmentally-challenged region where the wetlands are located include an EPA Superfund site, a coastal once-through cooling power plant, historic burn dumps, assorted heavy industry and chemical-laden agricultural drainage ditches. With vision and funding we can turn back the clock and start to remediate and restore this vital link in the Pacific Flyway.

We can restore the hydrological links extending from the Calleguas Creek estuary and the Mugu Lagoon through Ormond Beach and her wetlands and onto the terminus of the Ormond Lagoon Waterway. If we give Nature half a chance, Nature will find a way to heal itself.

The social and economic justice aspects of restoring the Ormond wetland complex speak for themselves for the environmentally impoverished residents of south Oxnard. The restoration of the wetlands will also help restore the health of the adjacent community.

Please support Agenda Item 20. Thank you.

Best,
Steve Nash
2211 Laurel Valley Place
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May 20, 2016

Douglas Bosco, Chair
California State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Sent via email to chris.kroll@scc.ca.gov

RE: May 26, 2016 Public Meeting: SUPPORT of State Recommendation to Authorize Funding for Consultant Services to Complete Restoration and Public Access Plan Funding for the Ormond Beach Wetlands Complex

Dear Chair Bosco and Board Members:

On behalf of Environmental Defense Center, I write to strongly support the maximum distribution of \$350,000 for environmental services to prepare a restoration and public access plan for Ormond Beach wetlands complex in Ventura County.

As noted in the staff report for this agenda item, the Ormond Beach wetland complex is the largest wetland restoration opportunity in southern California. Restoration of this area, which includes one of the very few remaining intact dune to marsh system transitions in southern California, would immensely benefit plants, birds, fish, and wildlife, including more than 200 migratory bird species and 25 federally protected plants, wildlife, and fish species. In addition, restoration of this area would provide important services to our human communities by providing a buffer against sea level rise and other impacts of climate change, and by developing an urgently needed public access plan. Finally, the restoration effort at Ormond Beach is an exemplary showcase of private-public cooperative planning involving the broad participation of public stakeholders.

We believe that the proposed funding for the restoration and public access plan is a clear fit with the Conservancy's enabling legislation, its 2013 Strategic Plan, and its project selection criteria and guidelines, and would also help enable the City of Oxnard's vision for the area as expressed in its 2030 General Plan and pending updated Local Coastal Program.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments, and the Conservancy's continued leadership in protecting and preserving the Ormond Beach area, and coastal areas throughout the state.

Sincerely,



Brian Segee
Senior Attorney