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# California Legislature

November 2, 2015

Charlton H. Bonham, Director  
Department of Fish and Wildlife  
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Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: California Trout's Request for \$264,486 from CDFW for Harvey Diversion Fish Passage Restoration Project**

Dear Mr. Bonham,

We are writing to support California Trout's application for their Harvey Diversion Fish Passage Restoration project, as part of the Department's Proposition 1 solicitation. The project will restore important ecosystems and restore access to additional critical steelhead habitat. Additionally, the project will help to manage and prepare for dry periods.

This project is designed to stabilize and restore approximately 900 feet downstream of the diversion structure. By elevating the existing grade of the streambed, 10.3 miles of steelhead habitat will be restored. This will provide valuable physical and biological monitoring data to inform the final design of the larger Harvey Diversion long-term solution.

The need for this project has only increased with the drought. As conditions have worsened, viable habitat was decreased and ecosystems have been strained. This project will help improve ecosystem health and provide more resources for endangered fish species. Remediation of fish barriers and restoration of fish passages is critical to maintaining the health of riparian corridors.

We strongly support California Trout's application for grant funding for the Harvey Diversion Fish Passage Restoration Project for the various benefits and goals stated above. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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**Re: California Trout's Request for \$220,000 from CDFW for Santa Clara River Watershed Aquatic Invasive Species Management Project**

Dear Mr. Bonham,

We are writing to support California Trout's application for their Santa Clara River Watershed Aquatic Invasive Species Management Project, as part of the Department's Proposition 1 solicitation. The project represents a unique opportunity to research invasive species, analyze their impacts, identify techniques to combat their effects, and provide guidance for long-term management policies.

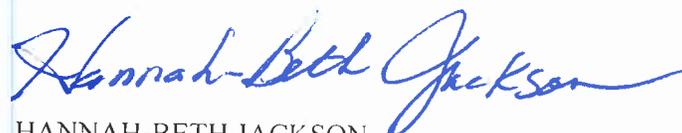
This project, if funded, will provide the necessary groundwork for managing invasive aquatic fish species, which are known to prey on native fish. Specifically, the project will determine the distribution and abundance of invasive fish species, it will assess potential impacts, collect needed data, identify techniques to remove the invasive fish, and provide guidance for long-term management.

This work will provide multiple benefits to the Santa Clara River Watershed as well as comply with the California Water Action Plan and other state policies. The need for it has only increased with the drought. As conditions have worsened, native species have to compete with invasive fish for increasingly limited resources and survival has become difficult under stressed conditions. This project will help improve ecosystem health.

Additionally, this project complies with the California Aquatic Invasive Species Management Plan, which seeks long-term control and management of non-native fish. We strongly support California Trout's application for grant funding for the Santa Clara River Watershed Aquatic Invasive Species Management Project for the various benefits and goals stated above. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

  
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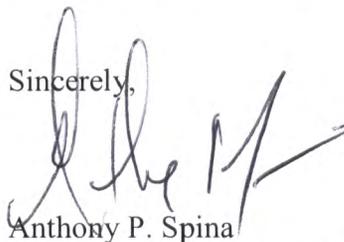
Kurt Zimmerman  
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Southern California Program Manager  
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Dear Mr. Zimmerman:

NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) is responding to your request for support of California Trout's (Cal Trout) grant application for restoring fish passage at the Harvey Diversion on Santa Paula Creek, Ventura County, CA. Based on our review of the conceptual design for restoring fish passage at the Harvey Diversion, NMFS believes the proposed project would benefit the endangered Southern California Distinct Population Segment of steelhead (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*) and designated critical habitat for this species.

NMFS' Southern California Steelhead Recovery Plan identifies the Santa Clara River population of steelhead, which includes Santa Paula Creek, as a priority for restoration and recovery. Furthermore, the Recovery Plan identifies restoring steelhead passage at the Harvey Diversion as a critical recovery action for this species.

Therefore, NMFS supports Cal Trout's grant application for restoring fish passage at the Harvey Diversion. Please contact Darren Brumback at (562) 980-4060 or via email at [Darren.Brumback@noaa.gov](mailto:Darren.Brumback@noaa.gov) if you have any questions concerning this letter.

Sincerely,  


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Supervisor, Southern California Steelhead  
Regulatory and Recovery Program

cc: Frank Brommenschenkel, Frank B & Associates  
Mary Larson, California Department of Fish and Game  
Roger Root, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service



# SANTA PAULA CREEK FISH LADDER AUTHORITY

February 13, 2013

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Dear Mr. Zimmerman:

**Re: Fish Passage Restoration Project (Phase 1): Harvey Diversion at confluence of Santa Paula Creek & Mud Creek. Ventura County, CA.**

The Santa Paula Creek Fish Ladder Authority is a Joint Powers Authority made up of the Canyon Irrigation Company and the City of Santa Paula. The Authority has been dealing with fish passage issues since the ladder was built in 2000 and has been seeking resolution to streambed degradation. I have spoken with Frank Brommenschenkel of the Santa Paula Creek Fish Ladder Authority regarding the details of the Project.

Please be advised that we wholeheartedly approve of the Project, and appreciate California Trout's efforts to restore Southern California steelhead in Santa Paula Creek and its tributaries.

In closing, we respectfully request that you give California Trout's application for the Project serious consideration.

Sincerely,

  
Peter T. Fallini  
Peter T. Fallini, Manager