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Doug Bosco, Chairman California State Coastal Conservancy 1515 Clay St, 10th Floor Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Bosco:

I am writing in support of Proposition 68 funding for the Smith River Alliance (SRA) Phase IV Pacific Shores Acquisition Project. This longstanding effort continues to address the impacts of the defunct Pacific Shores subdivision adjacent the Lake Earl Wildlife Area in the northern part of my congressional district.

Phase IV of the project would purchase 100 parcels in the Del Norte County subdivision which was started in 1963 but was never fully built out. The SRA project will allow willing sellers to sell their parcels and allow their conversion for public access and natural and cultural resource protection and enhancement.

The project will complete the Lake Earl Wildlife Area, benefit Tolowa Dunes State Park, provide habitat benefits for important listed species like bald eagles, improve public access, and resolve a serious environmental issue.

Please give Smith River Alliance's request for Proposition 68 funding for its Pacific Shores Phase IV acquisition project your full and fair consideration. If you have questions, please contact my Senior District Representative John Driscoll at (707)407-3585.

Sincerely,

JARED HUFFMAN

Member of Congress