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April 13, 2005

Mr. Doug Bosco, Chairman
Attn: Sue Corbaley
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 11th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

Subject: Mattole River and Range Partnership, Phase II

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I am writing in support of the Mattole River and Range Partnership, Phase II Project which is currently before the Conservancy for funding consideration. The Project is designed to complete intensive watershed restoration efforts in the Mattole River headwaters begun in Phase I which was, in part, supported by the Conservancy.

The Project will continue the work begun and successfully complete in Phase I and will accomplish goals outlined in the California Department of Fish and Game's *Recovery Strategy for California Coho Salmon*, the *Mattole River Watershed Assessment Report* and the *TMDL Technical Support Document for the Mattole River*. When complete, the Project will provide improved salmonid habitat, enhanced riparian habitats and improved residential water conservation to enhance stream flows in the Mattole River and its tributaries.

I strongly endorse this project and urge the Conservancy to continue funding support for the important work being done by the Mattole River and Range Partnership in the Mattole River watershed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Wesley Chesbro".

WESLEY CHESBRO
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Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chair
California Coastal Conservancy
1336 Broadway -- 11th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Bosco: 

The purpose of this letter is to express my strong support for the Mattole River and Range Partnership, Phase II, designed to complete intensive watershed restoration efforts in the Mattole River headwaters through collaborative efforts.

The Mattole River and Range Partnership, Phase II project will address watershed and riparian habitat restoration needs identified through the Partnership's Phase I (2003-2004). The Partnership takes critical steps to conserve this remarkable coastal watershed and restore its salmon and steelhead runs. The Mattole River is one of a handful of rivers in the state that has no dams or major water diversions. The river is also unique in that it supports one of California's only genetically wild Chinook salmon fisheries. These factors, combined with a community commitment to watershed health, present a prime opportunity for salmonid conservation in California.

It is my understanding that the Mattole River and Range Partnership, Phase II will accomplish goals outlined in three guiding documents: (1) CDFG's *Recovery Strategy for California Coho Salmon*, (2) the inter-agency *Mattole River Watershed Assessment Report*, and (3) the *TMDL Technical Support Document for the Mattole River*. Refining their recommendations into site-specific projects in the *Mattole Watershed Restoration Plan*, the Partnership will treat upslope sediment sources, place log structures and woody debris in streams to improve salmonid habitat, enhance the Mattole's riparian habitats, monitor restoration project success, and improve residential water conservation to enhance streamflows.

In addition to the project's benefits to fisheries and riparian resources, Phase II of the Partnership extends the pioneering cooperation between community groups, landowners,



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and state and federal agencies in the Mattole River watershed. These collaborative efforts serve as a model and resource for other California communities performing restoration.

I strongly urge and encourage your support for this important conservation acquisition. If I can provide any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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Assemblymember 1st District

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The Resources Agency

Memorandum

To: Mr. Doug Bosco, Chair
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 11th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

Date: April 13, 2005

From: **DONALD B. KOCH**, Regional Manager
Northern California-North Coast Region
Department of Fish and Game
601 Locust Street
Redding, CA 96001

Subject: Department of Fish and Game Support for the Mattole River and Range Partnership,
Phase II Funding Request

The California Department of Fish and Game (DFG) supports the request by the Mattole Restoration Council (MRC) to fund the projects included in the Mattole River and Range Partnership, Phase II. These projects are designed to complete intensive watershed restoration efforts in the Mattole River headwaters through collaborative efforts.

Comprised of local nonprofits, State and Federal agencies, and landowners, the Mattole River and Range Partnership (Partnership), Phase II project will address watershed and riparian habitat restoration needs identified through the Partnership's Phase I (2003-2004) assessment. The Partnership continues to take critical steps to conserve this remarkable coastal watershed and restore its salmon and steelhead runs. The Mattole River is one of a handful of rivers in the State that has no dams or major water diversions. The river is also unique in that it supports a naturally spawning population of Chinook salmon that has not been significantly influenced by hatcheries. These factors, combined with a strong local community commitment to maintaining watershed health, present a prime opportunity for salmonid conservation in California.

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Through the DFG Fishery Restoration Grants Program, four Mattole River projects are approved for funding and one additional project is on the contingency funding list. The DFG funded projects totaling \$268,687 serve as a cost share for the MRC California Coastal Conservancy funding request. DFG will be the lead agency for all permitting requirements for both the DFG funded projects and the projects included in the Mattole River Range Partnership, Phase II.

In addition to the project's benefits to fisheries and riparian resources, Phase II of the Partnership extends the pioneering cooperation between community groups, landowners, and State and Federal agencies in the Mattole River watershed. These collaborative efforts serve as a model and resource for other California communities performing watershed and fisheries restoration activities.

Please contact Mr. Gary Flosi of my staff at (707) 725-1072 if you have any questions regarding these important projects.

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April 25, 2005

Mr. Doug Bosco
State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 11th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Bosco:

Subject: Mattole River and Range Partnership, Phase II Project

This letter is to support the Mattole River and Range Partnership, Phase II project, designed to complete intensive watershed restoration efforts in the Mattole River headwaters through collaborative efforts.

Comprised of local non-profits, state and federal agencies, and cooperative landowners, the Mattole River and Range Partnership, Phase II project will address watershed and riparian habitat restoration needs identified through the Partnership's Phase I Program (2003-2004). The Partnership takes critical steps to conserve this remarkable coastal watershed and restore its salmon and steelhead runs. The Mattole River is one of a handful of rivers in the state that has no dams or major water diversions. The river is also unique in that it supports one of California's only genetically wild Chinook salmon fisheries. These factors, combined with a community commitment to watershed health, present a prime opportunity for salmonid conservation in California.

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In addition to the project's benefits to fisheries and riparian resources, Phase II of the Partnership extends the pioneering cooperation between community groups, landowners, and state and federal agencies in the Mattole River watershed. These collaborative efforts serve as a model and resource for other California communities performing restoration.

North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board staff supports this important conservation program and recommends State Coastal Conservancy approval of this project.

Sincerely,



Catherine E. Kuhlman
Executive Officer

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27 April 2005

Mr. Doug Bosco
State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 11th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Re: Mattole River and Range Partnership, Phase II

Dear Mr. Bosco,

I write to you today on behalf of the Mattole Salmon Group in full support of the Mattole River and Range Partnership, Phase II and its goal of restoring key habitat in the Mattole River headwaters.

The Mattole River has inspired consistent community-based stewardship for over 25 years. With the Mattole River and Range Partnership (MRRP) the divide between local landowners, restorationists and state and federal agencies has been bridged making our efforts more efficient and effective. As a result, we have successfully completed the MRRP Phase I, including restoration projects in all corners of the watershed, and a Watershed Plan to help guide further efforts.

Phase II of the Mattole River and Range Partnership has been designed to restore critical habitat in the headwaters of the Mattole River. Fisheries monitoring performed throughout the watershed has shown that the headwaters provides spawning and rearing habitat for all three Mattole salmonids. This is especially true for coho, which are most frequently found overwintering in this area of the watershed. Additionally, the headwaters provide critical spawning and rearing habitat for native Mattole Chinook, a population undiluted by major interbasin hatchery transfers.

In order to restore this important resource the Mattole River and Range Partnership, Phase II will continue to address the needs outlined in the *CDFG Coho Recovery Plan*, *Mattole River Watershed Assessment Report*, and the *TMDL Technical Support Document for the Mattole River*. These needs have been prioritized in to site-specific

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project recommendations in the *Mattole Watershed Restoration Plan* (completed as part of MRRP Phase I), which include instream enhancement, upslope sediment source reduction, riparian habitat enhancement, and water conservation community outreach.

The Mattole Salmon Group looks forward to pursuing the goal of a restored watershed and self-sustaining salmonid populations. We respectfully request that the State Coastal Conservancy approve the Mattole River and Range Partnership, Phase II.

Sincerely yours,



Reid Bryson
Mattole River and Range Program Coordinator
Mattole Salmon Group

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