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May 14, 2021

Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chair  
California State Coastal Conservancy  
1515 Clay Street, Floor 10  
Oakland CA 94612

**Re: May 27, 2021 Board Item - South San Francisco Bay Salt Pond Restoration Project**

Dear Chair Bosco,

I am writing in support for the Conservancy Board authorization of \$13,470,000 for **South Bay Salt Pond (SBSP) Restoration Project Phase 2: Eden Landing Construction, Adaptive Management, and Project Management**. I enabled \$15,000,000 of funding through California Assembly Bill No. 74, the Budget Act of 2019, Item 3760-101-6088 (1) 2. (f) to be applied to wetlands restoration in the Bay Area, specifically for Alameda Creek and vicinity.

I understand that the subject authorization will support planned wetland restoration at the SBSP Restoration Project's Eden Landing site, which is adjacent to Alameda Creek. Specifically, Ducks Unlimited will initiate early construction work that will result in enhanced managed pond habitat for the benefit of waterfowl and shorebirds, creation of a new segment of the San Francisco Bay Trail, and will lead to the restoration of nearly 1,400 acres of tidal marsh habitat that will benefit threatened and endangered species. Activities also include innovative nature-based adaptation techniques along the shoreline.

Project Letter (Addendum)

I also understand that this authorization will allow the Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District to perform the necessary studies and authorizations that allow for a reconnection between the Alameda Creek Flood Control Channel and the wetlands at southern Eden Landing. The reconnection will provide juvenile steelhead trout (a federally threatened species) access to the wetlands for use as critical resting and feeding habitat and will allow sediment to enter the site to help the restoring wetlands maintain elevation over time as sea level rises. The Flood Control District will also conduct other beneficial studies that support and enable the SBSP restoration.

I represent California's 10<sup>th</sup> Senate District. Eden Landing and Alameda Creek are valuable ecosystems that benefit the people of my district and San Francisco Bay's natural habitat. This project will also help maintain flood protection for nearby properties and will allow environmental education and recreation.

Thank you for your consideration of this important project.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert A. Wieckowski".

Robert Wieckowski

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