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June 7, 2004

Mr. Paul Morabito, Chairman  
Attn: Sheila Semans  
California Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

Subject: Bayview Ranch property Project

Dear Mr. Morabito:

I am writing in support of the City of Arcata's Bayview Ranch property project which is currently under consideration for funding by the California Coastal Conservancy and other agencies.

This Project has been in the development stage for quite some time and is now ready for implementation. Securing the Bayview Ranch property will compliment the Jacoby Creek Enhancement Area that was recently approved by the Conservancy and the Wildlife Conservation Board (1999) for acquisition and enhancement.

The Project is consistent with the Department of Fish and Game's strategic plan that emphasizes conservation of habitats, promoting sustainable plant and animal communities and providing access to lands with high wildlife-related public use potential. Acquisition of the Bayview Ranch property will enable the City to provide passive public use to include nonconsumptive natural resource related recreational activities and scientific and educational use to wetlands.

I encourage the Coastal Conservancy to provide funding to support this Project.

Sincerely

  
WESLEY CHESBRO  
Senator, Second District

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cc: Mark Andre, City of Arcata

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June 3, 2004

Mr. Paul Morabito, Chairman  
California Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, Floor 11  
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

Dear Mr. Morabito:

I would like to take this opportunity to offer my support for the City of Arcata's grant request to purchase Bayview Ranch.

The acquisition of the 322-acre ranch will be used to expand riparian forest and support fish and wildlife habitat protection and enhancement. The Bayview Ranch property has the greatest potential on Humboldt Bay for the restoration of fish habitat and estuary expansion to support salmonids, particularly the endangered Coho population.

The City of Arcata has invested considerable resources into acquiring the properties surrounding Bayview Ranch. Acquisition of this property will complete the ecological unit, allowing access for restoration activities, holistic land management and public trails. The City has made this project a top restoration priority and I fully support this effort to improve the ecological health of the North Coast.

I appreciate your favorable consideration of the City of Arcata's request for grant funding. If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact my District Office at (707) 445-7014.

Sincerely,

PATTY BERG  
Assemblymember, 1<sup>st</sup> District

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**Mr. Mark Andre  
Environmental Services  
City of Arcata  
736 F St.  
Arcata, Ca 95521**

**Dear Mark:**

I was glad to hear that the City, with the strong support of the State Coastal Conservancy and others, is pursuing the acquisition of the Bay View Ranch. I would like to express the strong support of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Humboldt Bay NWRC for the proposed acquisition of this property by the City of Arcata. The acquisition, restoration, and enhancement of this property will certainly improve conditions for fish, wildlife and plant resources in Humboldt Bay, especially if it is managed in coordination with other nearby lands dedicated to conservation of natural resources.

The City of Arcata has been a strong partner and active participant in California's Pacific Coast Joint Venture and this project is another good example of that. The refuge would welcome any involvement in cooperative land planning.

Sincerely,

**Eric Nelson  
Refuge Manager**

**Cc: Dave Paullin, Refuge Supervisor; FWS  
Carey Smith, Pacific Coast Joint Venture**

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REDWOOD REGION AUDUBON SOCIETY

P.O. BOX 1054, EUREKA, CALIFORNIA 95501



25 May 2004

Sheila Semans  
California State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

Subject: Bayview Ranch acquisition

Dear Sheila Semans:

Redwood Region Audubon Society would like to support the acquisition of the 322 acre Bayview Ranch Area and urges you to encourage the California State Coastal Conservancy to approve this acquisition. The City of Arcata has a good reputation locally for innovative work in wetland administration and enhancement. Acquisition of this area by the City of Arcata will connect existing Jacoby Creek Land Trust properties, California Department of Fish and Game, and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service wildlife areas with lands already protected by the City of Arcata.

Habitat and resource enhancement are important issues in our area. The Greater Humboldt Bay ecosystem provides habitat for anadromous fish, waterfowl, wading birds, shorebirds, numerous passerines, raptors, and other water-associated wildlife. Acquisition of this property along with recent acquisitions along Jacoby Creek and Gannon Slough will allow establishment of an estuary along Jacoby Creek and will provide excellent opportunities to benefit salmon, steelhead, and coastal cutthroat trout populations as well as tidewater goby.

Although estuarine and salt marsh habitat is important, the coastal perennial grasslands are equally important. Our Audubon chapter would like to see a comprehensive land management plan on a landscape scale for this area along with the bottom lands surrounding Humboldt Bay to provide for wildlife and agricultural needs. As a result of almost complete diking around Humboldt Bay, salt marsh and estuarine habitat has been lost, but the resulting grazed and fallow lands have also created perennial grasslands that have become habitat for California voles and western harvest mice. These rodents in turn are part of a food chain extensively used by many raptors including white-tailed kites and short-eared owls. Wintering raptors from tundra regions such as ferruginous hawks and rough-legged hawks also use this plentiful food source.

Sincerely,

Chet Ogan  
  
Conservation Chairman,  
Redwood Region Audubon Society

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Dear Mr. Andre:

Recently, I have become aware of the City of Arcata's interest in acquiring approximately 300 acres, known as the Bayview Ranch, owned by George Schmidbauer.

I strongly support the City of Arcata's acquisition of these significant coastal and riparian wetlands, which would give the City the opportunity for extensive fish and wildlife habitat improvements. It would provide for estuary establishment on Jacoby Creek, an important Steelhead and Coho salmon stream. The City is to be commended for taking such proactive measures to assist with our region's concerns in restoring our public trust resources.

I wish you the best in pursuing funding for this project. If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

  
JOHN WOOLLEY, 3<sup>rd</sup> District Supervisor  
County of Humboldt

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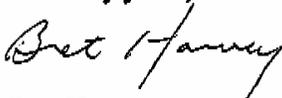
Dear Mark:

As a scientist with ongoing research in Jacoby Creek within the City of Arcata's Jacoby Creek Forest, I'm writing in support of the purchase of additional Jacoby Creek stream corridor currently being negotiated by the City of Arcata.

One obvious benefit to the acquisition by the City would be the ability to influence the riparian corridor of Jacoby Creek over more of the stream. Instream processes in the upper reaches of Jacoby Creek strongly influence conditions downstream that are so important to many Arcata residents: the discharge capacity of the channel, peak discharges in response to rainfall, and water quality. The condition of the riparian corridor in the upper reaches of the Creek strongly influences instream conditions and processes. For example, that sediment supply to the channel and sediment transport are significant concerns was demonstrated in the 1997 flood, which caused profound changes to the stream channel within the Jacoby Creek Forest. The treatment of the riparian corridor within the proposed acquisition will have profound consequences for the future sediment supply to the channel.

From a narrower research perspective, the proposed acquisition will also facilitate greater understanding of physical and biological processes in the watershed. Scientists at the Redwood Sciences Lab currently monitor temperature, turbidity and discharge as well as the fish population within the Jacoby Creek Forest. One of the goals of this work is to test an individual-based model of stream fish populations with many potential uses for watershed management. Fish occupy Jacoby Creek throughout its length in the proposed acquisition - it would be very helpful to include this reach in our monitoring, in that our efforts would then better reflect the fish population as a whole. Also, the Jacoby Creek Forest has proven to be an excellent location for field experiments. Because these experiments are often limited by the number of experimental units available (for example, stream pools) and processes of interest (for example, the growth rates of fish) often vary along a stream's length, a substantial increase in the length of stream available for such experiments would be highly beneficial.

Sincerely yours,



Bret Harvey

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**MIKE THOMPSON**  
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June 7, 2004

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Paul Morabito, Chairman  
California Coastal Conservancy  
1130 Broadway 11<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

Subject: Bayview Ranch Wetlands and Riparian Enhancement Project

Dear Chairman Morabito:

I am writing in support of the City of Arcata's application for grant funding to restore and enhance former tidelands and freshwater wetlands along Jacoby Creek and Gannon Slough in northwestern Humboldt Bay. The former tidelands and the Jacoby Creek and Gannon Slough corridors are part of the larger Humboldt Bay ecosystem that accommodates a wide variety of water associated wildlife. Humboldt Bay is second only to San Francisco Bay in the numbers and variety of migratory birds wintering in the coastal segment of the Pacific Flyway. It is one of California's most important stopovers for migrating birds.

The proposed acquisition and restoration projects would expand the Jacoby Creek estuary which is currently constrained by levees; establish a continuous corridor of over 1100 acres of local, state and federally protected lands adjacent to the northern edge of Humboldt Bay; reestablish tidal action on Gannon Slough and improve sediment routing through smaller waterways to alleviate upstream flooding and improve habitat for the tidewater goby, a federally endangered species.

The project enjoys broad local support and I urge the Conservancy's favorable consideration.

Sincerely,

**MIKE THOMPSON**  
Member of Congress  
1<sup>st</sup> District, California

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