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February 4, 2004

Richard Retecki
Project Manager
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 11th Floor
Oakland, California 94612-2530

Dear Mr. Retecki:

I am writing to express my support for the application submitted by the Gold Ridge Resource Conservation District (GRRCD), for the Estero Americano Ranch Restoration Implementation grant in the Estero Americano Watershed. The GRRCD has a track record of many successful restoration projects that include erosion control, salmonid habitat restoration, fencing of critical habitat, spring development and tree planting.

It is my understanding that with this funding, the GRRCD will assist landowners in preventing and repairing erosion on their property in order to reduce sediment and nutrient loading into the Estero Americano Watershed. The Estero Americano Restoration project, which covers both Marin and Sonoma Counties, travels over the home of a multitude of migratory waterfowl as well as 45 species of fish. The reduction of sediment and nutrient levels into the stream channel will have a very positive impact on this wildlife.

This project will greatly benefit the 6th Congressional District and I urge you to give this application your full and careful consideration. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Tom Roth in my Santa Rosa office at (707) 542-7182.

Sincerely,



Lynn Woolsey
Member of Congress

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August 11, 2004

Paul Morabito, Chairman
State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, Suite 1100
Oakland, CA. 94612

Dear Chairman Morabito,

The Marin Resource Conservation District (MRCD) fully supports the Gold Ridge Resource Conservation District (GRRCD) in their efforts to restore Marin's natural resources through the Estero Americano Ranch Restoration Program. The \$650,000 proposal submitted by GRRCD will assist landowners in implementing restoration projects that will result in improved water quality and habitat conditions in the Estero Americano.

The Estero Americano is one of California's precious coastal resources. Although it is listed as an impaired waterway for nutrients and sediment, it contains some of the most important habitat for migratory waterfowl, songbirds, shorebirds, raptors and 45 species of fish including the endangered tidewater goby and steelhead trout.

The GRRCD has selected thirteen ranches for the implementation of restoration activities. Three of those ranches are within MRCD boundaries. MRCD is pleased to support this proposal as it provides a direct benefit to the landowners in our district and, most importantly, to an important coastal resource. The proposal is in line with our mission and belief that the agricultural productivity of the district is dependent upon the diligent application of practices, which conserve and enhance our natural resources.

The proposed projects will allow many agricultural landowners to continue their efforts in working toward this goal while keeping the local agricultural economy viable. The MRCD fully supports this proposal to the State Coastal Conservancy and urges your financial support.

Sincerely,



Hank Corda
President

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S O N O M A L A N D T R U S T

August 13, 2004

RICHARD
Paul Morabito, Chairman
State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, Suite 1100
Oakland, CA. 94612

Dear Chairman Morabito,

The Sonoma Land Trust fully supports the Gold Ridge Resource Conservation District (GRRCD) in their efforts to work with private landowners to restore Sonoma County's natural resources through the Estero Americano Ranch Restoration Program. The \$650,000 proposal submitted by GRRCD will be of tremendous assistance to these landowners in implementing restoration projects that will result in improved water quality and habitat conditions in the Estero Americano.

The Estero Americano is one of California's precious coastal resources. Although it is listed as an impaired waterway for nutrients and sediment, it contains some of the most important habitat for migratory waterfowl, songbirds, shorebirds, raptors and 45 species of fish including the endangered tidewater goby and steelhead trout. These natural resources attract many people who enjoy hiking, kayaking and generally enjoying this natural bounty.

The Sonoma Land Trust, as a result of the generous support of the Coastal Conservancy, owns the 147 acre Estero Americano Preserve. Thus, we are pleased to support this proposal as it will provide a direct benefit to our neighbors and the community in protecting this important coastal resource. The proposal is in line with our mission and belief that Sonoma County's natural, scenic and agricultural lands depend on the diligent stewardship of private landowners.

The proposed projects will allow many agricultural landowners to continue their efforts in working toward this goal while keeping the local agricultural economy viable. The Sonoma Land Trust fully supports this proposal to the Coastal Conservancy and urges your financial support.

Sincerely,

Bob Neale
Stewardship Director

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