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October 5, 2005

Don Boscoe, Chair  
California Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway Ave. Ste. 1100  
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Chairman,

I am writing to express my strong support for the grant proposal that the Garrapata Creek Watershed Council has submitted to the Conservancy.

The Council is seeking \$100,000 to support a project to reduce erosion and support steelhead trout habitat along Garrapata Creek, a coastal stream in the heart of the Big Sur Coast. I have followed the work of the Watershed Council for many years. It is a regional model of cooperation and innovation among its landowner and resident participants. The Council has a well deserved reputation among land managers and residents on the Big Sur coast as a can do, results oriented organization. The work that they propose to undertake is clearly needed, and the Council is just the group to do it.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Sam Farr  
Member of Congress

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Doug Bosco, Chair  
Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, Suite 1100  
Oakland, CA 94612

RE: Garrapata Creek Watershed Council Application

Dear Mr. Bosco:

I am writing in support of the application by the Garrapata Creek Watershed Council for funding of an upslope erosion project within their watershed. This effort will bring together landowners and public agencies in proactively managing sedimentation and erosion that effects water quality and habitat in the Garrapata Creek Watershed.

Toward a needed \$400,000, this project already has received a \$200,000 grant from the Department of Fish and Game, and local landowners have pledged \$100,000 in cash or in-kind donations. The remaining \$100,000 requested of the Coastal Conservancy will allow them to begin the work to repair old roads and sediment sources so the ecosystem and habitat can further improve.

I believe this project will not only provide the Garrapata Watershed many benefits, but will also serve other watershed agencies in Big Sur and the Central Coast as a model for working together to find solutions for all interested parties. I commend the Garrapata Watershed Council for their commitment to ecological restoration and support their request for funding from the Coastal Conservancy.

Sincerely,

JOHN LAIRD  
Assemblymember, 27<sup>th</sup> AD

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October 10, 2005



Don Boscoe, Chair  
Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, Suite 1100  
Oakland, CA 94612

Re: Garrapata Creek Watershed Council Project

Dear Mr. Boscoe:

Please accept my letter of support for the Garrapata Creek Project grant in the amount of \$100,000 to conduct an upslope erosion project in our watershed. I am submitting my support via this letter.

This project will reduce excess erosion and improve habitat for steelhead trout and is a cooperative effort between landowners and public agencies.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

Dave Potter  
Fifth District Supervisor

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Cc: Lisa Kleissner, Garrapata Creek Watershed Council