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## United States Department of the Interior

### FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

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Hamilton Army Airfield

cc: Mr. Dennis Drennan, San Francisco COE  
Ramon Aberasturi, Sacramento COE  
Mr. Bill Ahern, Executive Officer  
California State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Oakland, California 94612-2530

Re: No-Cost Public Benefit Discount Conveyance of the 630.25 acres Airfield Parcel and Navy Ballfields 3 and 4 at the former Hamilton Army Airfield.

Dear Mr. Ahern:

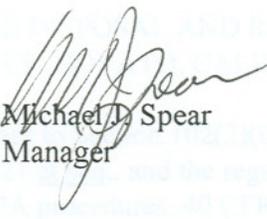
The purpose of this letter is to confirm our support for the no-cost public benefit discount conveyance of the 630.25 acre Airfield Parcel and Navy ballfields 3 and 4 at the former Hamilton Army Airfield to the Coastal Conservancy. We understand that this will be a direct transfer of a fee interest in the property from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to the State of California, administered by the Coastal Conservancy. This action is being taken in accordance with 16 U.S.C. Section 667b-d whereby the Coastal Conservancy, a part of the State of California Resource Agency, is exercising the administration of the existing and potential wildlife resources of the State on the above-referenced property.

It is our understanding that the Coastal Conservancy is proposing to construct the Hamilton restoration project after conveyance of the aforesaid property. The conveyance and restoration are subject to the approval of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Congressional authorization and the availability of funds to implement and complete the restoration project. Once the restoration is complete, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) may consider long term management of the property as a component part of the National Wildlife Refuge System. Any future Service ownership or management of the property would require the Director's approval and compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act.

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If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Marge Kolar at (510)792-0222 or Steve Dyer at (916) 414-6446.

Sincerely,



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Manager

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