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**PATRICIA WIGGINS**  
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April 4, 2007

Doug Bosco, Chair  
State Coastal Conservancy  
Attn: Michael Bowen  
1330 Broadway, 13<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

**RE: Western Rivers Conservancy Project: acquisition of Riverside Ranch**

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I am writing in support of the proposal by Western Rivers Conservancy to acquire Riverside Ranch.

Riverside Ranch is located near the confluence of the Salt River and the Eel River Estuary. Similar to many dairies and ranches in the Ferndale area, Riverside Ranch is subject to frequent flooding. Its location near the mouth of the Salt makes it particularly prone to flooding, and less able than other areas to sustain agricultural operations.

However, if acquired, Riverside Ranch would serve as the keystone project for the Salt River Enhancement Project now underway. I understand that Western Rivers Conservancy is in contract to acquire the property this summer, and the Department of Fish and Game is prepared to take title to the property for the purpose of long term management for wildlife habitat.

I encourage the Conservancy to support this acquisition, and to remain involved with the Salt River Enhancement Project. If I can provide any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at my Eureka District Office, 707-445-6508. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pat Wiggins".

PATRICIA WIGGINS  
Senator, 2<sup>nd</sup> District

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State Coastal Conservancy  
Attn: Michael Bowen  
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Oakland, CA 94612-2530

**RE: Letter of support for the Western Rivers Conservancy Riverside Ranch project**

Dear Chairman Bosco: 

I am please to offer my support for the Western Rivers Conservancy funding application to acquire Riverside Ranch.

Riverside Ranch is located near the confluence of the Salt River and the Eel River Estuary and is subject to frequent flooding. You may recall that I recently supported the County of Humboldt's request for funding the Salt River Enhancement Plan; I would now like to encourage the Conservancy to support the Riverside Ranch acquisition, a vital component to successful implementation of the Enhancement Plan.

For more than twenty years the community has struggled with these flooding challenges, and the members of the Salt River Advisory Group have sought solutions. Western Rivers Conservancy is in contract to acquire the Riverside Ranch property this summer, and the Department of Fish and Game is prepared to provide long term management for wildlife habitat. Solutions to this long-standing problem are indeed at hand.

I encourage your favorable consideration of the Western Rivers Conservancy's application to fund the Riverside Ranch acquisition. If I can provide any further information about this important project, please do not hesitate to contact my Eureka District office at (707) 445-7014.

Respectfully,

Handwritten signature of Patty Berg in blue ink.

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



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April 7, 2007

Doug Bosco, Chair  
State Coastal Conservancy  
Attn: Michael Bowen  
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Oakland, CA 94612-2530

RE: Letter of Support for the Western Rivers Conservancy Funding Request  
to the State Coastal Conservancy for the Acquisition of Riverside Ranch

Dear Chairman Bosco:

We are writing to recommend your support for the proposed funding request by the Western Rivers Conservancy to acquire Riverside Ranch.

Riverside Ranch is a key component in a federal, state and local government restoration project. The property will be used to increase the size of the Eel River estuary. Past land practices have diminished essential tidal circulation and available fish habitat.

In addition, we plan to enhance Aleutian Goose habitat and provide local ranchers with some opportunity to access grazing lands. This acquisition fits very well with long term Eel River natural resource protection and management objectives.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jimmy Smith, 1<sup>st</sup> District Supervisor  
County of Humboldt

Jill Geist, 5<sup>th</sup> District Supervisor  
County of Humboldt

JS:JG/kh