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Washington, DC 20515-0502

April 11, 2013

Douglas H. Bosco, Chairman
California State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I am writing to express my support for California Trout's request for a \$100,000 grant to fund restoration planning for the Elk River in Humboldt Bay.

The Elk River has the potential to provide valuable habitat for fish and wildlife, including species listed as endangered or threatened under the state and federal Endangered Species Acts, such as coho and Chinook salmon. Past land use, unfortunately, has resulted in extensive sedimentation that has degraded habitat and contributed to chronic flooding, leading to hardship and economic loss for watershed residents.

If approved, this grant would be leveraged by significant funding from the State Water Board, Redwood Community Action Agency, and Humboldt Redwood Company.

Restoring this vital tributary to Humboldt Bay and building a strong community partnership for environmental stewardship is a worthwhile endeavor. Thank you for your full and fair consideration.

Sincerely,


JARED HUFFMAN
Member of Congress

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April 9, 2013

Douglas H. Bosco, Chairman
 California State Coastal Conservancy
 1330 Broadway, 13th floor
 Oakland, CA 94612

RE: Elk River Restoration Planning Project - California Trout

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I write to express my support for California Trout's request to the Conservancy for a \$100,000 grant to fund restoration planning for Elk River in Humboldt Bay. Elk River has the potential to provide valuable habitat for fish and wildlife, including species listed as endangered or threatened under the state and federal Endangered Species Acts, such as coho and Chinook salmon.

Past land use has resulted in extensive sedimentation that has degraded habitat and causes chronic flooding, leading to hardship and economic loss for watershed residents. The Conservancy grant will be leveraged by significant funding from other public and private sources.

I urge the Coastal Conservancy to consider funding this project that will restore a vital tributary to Humboldt Bay, while building a strong community partnership for environmental stewardship.

Sincerely,

NOREEN EVANS
 Senator, 2ND District

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April 8, 2013

Douglas H. Bosco, Chair
California State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
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Re: Support of the Elk River Watershed Recovery Assessment

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I am writing in support of the Elk River Watershed Recovery Assessment grant proposal submitted by California Trout Inc. The Elk River watershed is an important component of the larger Humboldt Bay ecosystem, historically providing valuable freshwater habitat for salmonid species now threatened with extinction. The lower and middle reaches of the watershed are populated with homes and ranches, while the upper watershed supports commercial timber harvesting operations.

Past timber harvesting activities have left a legacy of problems in the Elk River, resulting over the past several years. For example, there have been increased rates of winter flooding in the lower and middle reaches of the watershed. Elk River area residents petitioned the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board in 1999 to address the excess sediment deposition and relieve them of the health risks, safety concerns, and property damage associated with increased flooding.

I wholeheartedly support the proponent's efforts to develop and implement a sediment remediation action plan for the Elk River watershed. It is important that any remediation of instream stored sediment be conducted in such a manner as to ensure the health and safety of area residents, protect private property, and reduce environmental risk. The Conservancy grant will be leveraged by over \$450,000 in combined funding from the State Water Board, Redwood Community Action Agency, and Humboldt Redwood Company. I urge you to fund California Trout's proposal.

Thank you for your consideration of this most worthwhile project. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Respectfully,

WESLEY CHESBRO
Assemblyman, 2nd District

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April 12, 2013

Douglas H. Bosco, Chairman
California State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, Ca. 94612

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I am writing to express my support for the California Trout's request to the Conservancy for a \$100,000 grant to fund restoration planning for the Elk River in Humboldt Bay. The Elk River has the potential to provide valuable habitat for fish and wildlife, including species listed as endangered or threatened under the state and federal Endangered Species Acts, such as Coho and Chinook Salmon. I have personally seen where restoration efforts have proven to be successful and essential to maintaining a healthy environment for species and wildlife here in Humboldt County. Past land use has resulted in extensive sedimentation that has degraded habitat and causes chronic flooding, leading to hardship and economic loss for watershed residents. Restoration will also improve the conditions for the property owners in the watershed locations. The Conservancy grant will be leveraged by significant funding from the State Water Board, RCAA, and Humboldt Redwood Company.

I hope that you find this project to restore a vital tributary to Humboldt Bay, while building a strong community partnership for environmental and wildlife cooperation. I look forward to lending my assistance to the many participants on this worthy project.

Sincerely,

Rex Bohn
1st District Supervisor
County of Humboldt