



June 30, 2021

Honorable Wade Crowfoot, Secretary for Natural Resources  
Chair, California Ocean Protection Council  
California Resources Agency  
1416 Ninth Street, Suite 1311  
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Redwood National and State Park Visitor Center and lower Prairie Creek Restoration Project

Dear Secretary Crowfoot,

I am writing to convey my support for the State Coastal Conservancy's (SCC) application to the Ocean Protection Council's Environmental Justice Proposition 1 grant program for the Redwood National and State Park (RNSP) Visitor Center and Lower Prairie Creek Restoration Project – Phase 1 (project).

The project is a phased collaboration between SCC, Save the Redwoods League (League) and Caltrout, Inc. The restoration of habitat provided by this project is essential for Chinook salmon, Coho salmon, and steelhead and for federally listed anadromous species recovery. OPC grant funding will contribute to stream restoration and the removal of a 20-acre asphalt pad, which will improve water quality and stream flow for these critical fish populations. The project will result in economic benefits to the disadvantaged communities of Orick and the Yurok Tribe and will engage local businesses and tribal members as the restoration construction contractors.

The project is an integral piece to the RNSP Visitor Center Project, a new, high-quality visitor center with trails, expected to attract 800,000 visitors annually. If our office can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to call us at 916-651-4002.

Warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mike McGuire".

MIKE MCGUIRE  
Senator



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Prairie Creek provides some of the highest quality salmon habitat on the North Coast. However, the Project site is located within the most downstream section of Prairie Creek, which is in poor condition. Despite this, all three listed anadromous species utilize the project reach, making restoration in this location critical to improving recovery rates for these species.

OPC funding will contribute to stream restoration and the removal of a 20-acre asphalt pad at the former Orick Mill A site in Orick. Removing the asphalt will provide the onsite fill location for excavated floodplain soils, resulting in significant reduction in hauling costs. It will improve water quality and stream flow by reducing surface runoff from the asphalt pad and increasing percolation of surface water to groundwater for stream flow recharge. I offer my strongest support for this project.

The restoration project will result in significant mid-term economic benefits to the severely disadvantaged communities of Orick and the Yurok Tribe. The project will engage local Orick business and the Yurok Tribe as the prime restoration construction contractor. The project is an integral piece to a much larger effort - the RNSP Visitor Center Project - to develop a new, high-quality visitor center with trails and increased public access opportunities. The Visitor Center is expected to attract 800,000 visitors annually, which will result in increased demand for local visitor-serving businesses, improving the long-term economic health of the region.

Projects such as this promote an important income generator for Humboldt County, while also ensuring that our diverse and beautiful natural resources are protected and stewarded appropriately. I hope you will give this full consideration.

Sincerely, Steve Madrone

5<sup>th</sup> District Supervisor  
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JARED HUFFMAN  
2ND DISTRICT, CALIFORNIA

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March 11, 2020

Mr. Doug Bosco, Chairman  
State Coastal Conservancy  
1515 Clay Street, 10th Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612

RE: RNSP Visitor Center and Lower Prairie Creek Restoration Project

Dear Mr. Bosco:

I am writing to support the application for the Lower Prairie Creek Restoration and Enhancement Project (the Project) submitted by Save the Redwoods League and California Trout, Inc. (CalTrout). This project will restore habitat benefitting Chinook salmon, coho salmon, and steelhead. The funds will be used for planning and design to benefit federally protected anadromous species in my congressional district.

While Prairie Creek provides highest quality salmon habitat, its downstream reach is in poor condition. Despite this, all three listed anadromous species utilize the Project reach, making restoration in this location critical to improving recovery rates for these species. The Project will reconnect nearly one mile of Prairie Creek to its historic floodplain and surrounding wetland habitat.

The proposed Project is integral to the RNSP Visitor Center Project, being developed with Redwood National and State Parks, the League and its partners. The group is developing a new, high-quality visitor center, trails and increased public access to stunning recreational opportunities, and habitat restoration and enhancement opportunities for numerous species, catalyzed by the proposed Project. Located at the southern entrance to Redwood National and State Parks—home to 45 percent of California's remaining old-growth redwoods—the multi-faceted Visitor Center Project will enhance and restore the lower Prairie Creek corridor, creating a world-class visitor experience.

Please give the League's application your full and fair consideration. Should you have any questions about my support, please contact John Driscoll in my Eureka District Office at (707) 407-3585.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress

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March 17, 2020

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RE: Redwood National and State Park Visitor Center and Lower Prairie Creek Restoration Project

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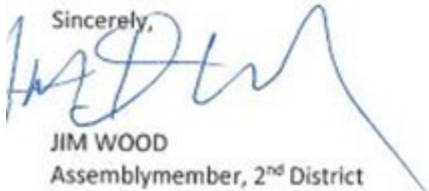
I am writing to convey my support for Save the Redwoods League (League) and CalTrout's application to the SCC Prop 1 grant program for the Redwood National and State Park (RNSP) Visitor Center and Lower Prairie Creek Restoration Project (Project). This Project builds on the League's restoration efforts within the Prairie Creek corridor that have been ongoing since 1923. The restoration of habitat complexity provided by this Project is essential for Chinook salmon, Coho salmon, and steelhead and for federally listed anadromous species recovery at a larger scale.

Prairie Creek provides some of the highest quality salmon habitat on the North Coast. However, the Project site is located within the most downstream section of Prairie Creek, which is in poor condition. Despite this, all three listed anadromous species utilize the Project reach, making restoration in this location critical to improving recovery rates for these species. The Project will reconnect nearly one mile (4,275 feet) of Prairie Creek to its historic floodplain and surrounding wetland habitat—an important effort that will create highly productive off-channel rearing habitat.

The proposed Project is also an integral piece of a much larger effort—the RNSP Visitor Center Project. In partnership with Redwood National and State Parks, the League and partners are working to develop a new, high-quality visitor center; trails and increased public access to stunning recreational opportunities; and habitat restoration and enhancement opportunities for numerous species, catalyzed by the proposed Project. Located at the southern entrance to Redwood National and State Parks—home to 45 percent of California's remaining old-growth redwoods—the multi-faceted Gateway Project will enhance and restore the lower Prairie Creek corridor, creating a world-class visitor experience.

This project has strong support and will provide critical restoration for anadromous fish habitat and support economic health for local communities. I hope you will give this application your careful consideration. If you have questions, please feel free to call my office at (707) 445-7014.

Sincerely,



JIM WOOD  
Assemblymember, 2<sup>nd</sup> District



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June 28, 2021

Honorable Wade Crowfoot, Secretary for Natural Resources  
Chair, California Ocean Protection Council  
California Resources Agency  
1416 Ninth Street, Suite 1311  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Certification of SCC Authority to Apply for and Receive Proposition 1 and 68 Funds

Honorable Secretary Crowfoot,

This letter is intended to certify the State Coastal Conservancy's eligibility to apply for Proposition 1 and 68 funds via authority previously delegated from the Coastal Conservancy to the Executive Officer. Please see item #4 in the attached delegation of authority from the Coastal Conservancy to the Executive Officer, delegating to the Executive Officer authority to apply for funds and make required representations.

Further, this letter authorizes the application for funding for the Redwood National and State Parks Visitor Center and Lower Prairie Creek Restoration Project – Phase 1 Implementation and provides the assurances necessary to apply.

As Executive Officer of the State Coastal Conservancy (SCC), I have determined that the SCC is eligible to apply for a state grant according to the Propositions' eligible applicant definitions. Conservancy staff understand the assurance and certification in the application.

SCC, either directly, or through our project partners, has long-term control of the property, and will provide satisfactory documentation of that long-term control as part of the grant application process.

SCC, either directly, or through our project partners, will have sufficient funds to operate and maintain the project consistent with the land tenure requirements, or will secure the resources to do so.

SCC certifies that the proposed project and SCC are free of any legal challenges that could undermine the progress on the project.

SCC give the State permission to publish any provided digital image to its website and to crop or resize the image.



SCC agrees to acknowledge the State's support in any news media, brochures, articles, publications, seminars, exhibits, displays, products, or other promotion materials about the funded project.

SCC certifies that it will comply with the provision of Section 1771.5 of the State Labor Code regarding payment of prevailing wages on projects awarded with Proposition 1 and 68 funds.

SCC agrees that projects involving construction, renovation, repair, rehabilitation, or ground or visual disturbances must comply with all current laws and regulations which apply to the project, including, but not limited to, labor codes related to prevailing wage, legal requirements for construction contracts, building codes, environmental laws, health and safety codes, disabled access and historic preservation laws and environmental laws. Prior to commencement of construction, all applicable permits and licenses will be obtained.

SCC agrees to adhere to the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) and the 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design. Title III of the ADA covers places of public accommodation (such as museums, libraries, and education institutions) and includes a specific section regarding new construction and alterations in public accommodations.

SCC agrees that projects involving construction, renovations, repair, rehabilitation, or ground or visual disturbances must comply with the National historic Preservation Act.

SCC waives all rights to privacy and confidentiality of the material submitted to the State.

SCC will authorize the disbursement of funds awarded for the project at a future Conservancy meeting.

SCC agrees to execute a grant agreement prior to the encumbrance deadline and will cause work on the project to be commenced within a reasonable time after encumbering the funds, so that the project will be complete, and the final invoice submitted to the State, prior to the relevant deadlines.

I appoint those holding the position of SCC project manager as SCC's agent to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to applications, agreements, payment requests and so on, which may be necessary for the completion of the project.

Thank you for your consideration of this certification letter.

Sincerely,

  
Mary Small  
Interim Executive Officer

STATE COASTAL CONSERVANCY  
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

September 25, 2001  
10:00 a.m.

ED delegations

Conference Room  
San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission  
50 California St.  
San Francisco, California

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Gary A. Hernandez (Public Member) (Chairman)  
John J. Lormon (Public Member) (Vice-Chairman)  
Larry Goldzband (Public Member)  
Paul Morabito (Public Member)  
Sara Wan (Chair, Coastal Commission)  
Mike Spear (Designated Representative, Resources Agency)

**OVERSIGHT**

**LEGISLATORS PRESENT:** Michael Endicott, representing Assemblywoman Hannah-Beth Jackson  
Gary Shallcross, representing Assemblyman Fred Keeley

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Sam Schuchat, Executive Officer  
Pat Peterson, Deputy Attorney General

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The Minutes of the August 2, 2001 Public Meeting were approved without change.

**MARTIN LUTHER  
KING, JR. FREEDOM  
CENTER DESIGN:**

Amy Hutzler of the Conservancy staff presented the Staff Recommendation.

Speaking in favor of the Staff Recommendation: Claire B. Greensfelder, Executive Director of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Freedom Center.

**Resolution-**

"The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes the disbursement of an amount not to exceed two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Freedom Center, a

2. Evidence of the commitment and availability of a minimum of \$10,000 of additional funds and in-kind services to be used toward the project; and
3. The names of any contractors it intends to use to conduct the studies."

Findings-

"Based on the accompanying staff report and attached exhibits, the State Coastal Conservancy hereby finds that:

1. The proposed project is consistent with the purposes and criteria in Chapter 6 of the Public Resources Code (Sections 31251-31270) regarding the enhancement of coastal resources;
2. The proposed project is consistent with the Conservancy's Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines adopted January 24, 2001; and
3. Los Peñasquitos Lagoon Foundation is a private nonprofit organization existing under Section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code, and having among its principal charitable purposes the preservation of land for scientific, historic, educational, recreational, scenic and open space opportunities."

Motion passed by a vote of 4-0.

**DELEGATIONS TO THE  
EXECUTIVE OFFICER:**

Mr. Schuchat presented the Staff Recommendation.

Resolution-

"The State Coastal Conservancy hereby delegates or re-delegates to its Executive Officer the authority to take the following actions as necessary or appropriate for operations of the agency, consistent with applicable law and the policies of the Conservancy, without further, specific Conservancy authorization:

1. Negotiate and execute documents on behalf of the Conservancy.
2. Negotiate and enter into agreements and take other actions required to carry out formal and informal Conservancy authorizations.
3. Negotiate and enter into all contracts for technical and other services needed to develop and implement Conservancy projects and programs, and costing no more than \$200,000.



4. Apply for funds from persons and entities for agency support and project work, make required representations, negotiate and enter into agreements to obtain funds, accept funds, assign and accept assignment of grant and similar applications and funds, and meet agreed conditions. However, this delegation shall not authorize the Executive Officer to expend funds accepted or implement the projects funded unless otherwise authorized by the Conservancy.
5. Augment funds for Conservancy-authorized expenditures by up to 15 percent.
6. Make administrative expenditures for equipment and services necessary or appropriate to the operation of the Conservancy.
7. Appoint and delegate tasks and functions to Conservancy staff as appropriate.
8. Place on the Conservancy's consent calendar matters falling generally within the following parameters, provided that the Conservancy reserves the right to remove any item from the consent calendar:
  - a. Project amendments, augmentations, changes of grantee for a previously authorized project, or proposed redirections of funds.
  - b. Acceptance of funds from another entity.
  - c. Subsequent phases of a previously authorized project.
  - d. Projects falling within a program or series of actions for which the Conservancy has already granted formal or informal approval.
  - e. Items that require a minimum of discretion or judgment, including any items of this nature specified in detail in budget acts and other legislation.
  - f. Grants or other items involving the expenditure of no more than \$100,000, and about which no controversy is evident.
  - g. Contracts for services.
9. Prepare, circulate and file all documents necessary under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for Conservancy projects, subject to Conservancy authorization of the projects; and determine a proposed authorization exempt for purposes of, and consistent with, CEQA.
10. With respect to projects previously authorized by the Conservancy, to accomplish the purposes of the authorization, and consistent with applicable law:

- a. Substitute grantees.
- b. Redirect incoming or outgoing grants, grant applications and related instruments.
- c. Modify or assign grant agreements and contracts.
- d. Authorize Conservancy grantees to accept from or convey to other appropriate entities on appropriate terms leases, licenses, options, offers to dedicate, and similar instruments and interests, and interests in land such as conservation easements.

11. Administer the affairs of the Conservancy.

These delegations are made pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 31103 and 14 Cal. Code of Regulations Section 13734, and shall supersede any prior delegations to the extent that the prior and current delegations conflict."

Finding-

"Based on the accompanying staff report, the State Coastal Conservancy hereby finds that the proposed authorization is consistent with and will help carry out the purposes of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code."

Motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

CONSENT ITEM: Resolution-

"The State Coastal Conservancy hereby amends the Salsipuedes Creek Fish Passage Enhancement Plan approved by the Conservancy on June 25, 2001, to replace the section entitled "*Modification of concrete/rock apron*" with the text provided in Exhibit 1 to the accompanying Project Synopsis a."

Findings-

"Based on the accompanying staff report and attached exhibits, the State Coastal Conservancy hereby finds that:

1. The Salsipuedes Creek Fish Passage Enhancement project remains consistent with the resolution, findings and discussion accompanying the Conservancy action of June 25, 2001, attached as Exhibit 2 to the accompanying Project Synopsis a.; and