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Mr. Douglas Bosco
Chair, California State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

SOUTH BAY SALT POND RESTORATION PROJECT

Dear Chair Bosco:

On behalf of the City of Mountain View, I am writing to convey our strong support for the Conservancy Board authorization of \$14 million for Phase 2 of the South Bay Salt Pond Restoration Project implementation on May 26, 2016.

The South San Francisco Bay Salt Pond Restoration Project is the largest wetland restoration project on the West Coast of the United States. The project is working to restore 15,100 acres of former industrial salt ponds to tidal salt marsh and a mosaic of other habitats for the benefit of wildlife, flood protection, and public access. Performing tidal wetland restoration at this scale in the middle of a highly modified urban estuary has many challenges and requires diligence to accomplish these unprecedented goals.

This restoration project, therefore, is a unique opportunity for landscape-scale restoration and to significantly contribute to the recovery of threatened and endangered species, improve water quality, and strengthen the resiliency of our shorelines in San Francisco Bay. Phase 2 will restore 980 acres of tidal wetlands, enhance over 300 acres of other wetland habitats, provide new public recreation opportunities, and improve flood protection for south San Francisco Bay residents and businesses. The City of Mountain View also supports the funding of continued public outreach, website and data management, and other project support to maintain the Project's successful track record and high degree of transparency.

Thank you for your continued support of this regionally and nationally important project.

Sincerely,

Ken S. Rosenberg
Vice Mayor

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