



March 7, 2016

Jim Provenza, Chair
Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy
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Dear Mr. Provenza,

Thank you for your February 2, 2016 email regarding the Concept Proposal to the Delta Conservancy's Proposition 1 Ecosystem Restoration and Water Quality Grant Program submitted by Reclamation District 2035 (RD 2035). Your email stated that the District's project had been approved to submit a full proposal by March 15, 2016 in order to receive the requested \$2,000,000 in grant funds.

As you know, both RD 2035 and the Woodland Davis Clean Water Agency (WDCWA) are partners in the ongoing Joint Intake and Fish Screen Project (Project). The grant funds to be awarded by the Conservancy for the Project are to meet a substantial part of the state's cost share. However, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife has recently awarded RD 2035 the entire remaining state cost share of \$8,128,621 needed to complete the Project. As a result, RD 2035 will not be submitting a full proposal to pursue funding from the Conservancy.

Both RD 2035 and WDCWA are very grateful to the Conservancy for its commitment to this important fish screen project. The agencies are certain that forgoing the \$2,000,000 grant will allow the Conservancy to fund other worthwhile projects in the region that otherwise would have gone unfunded. Both RD 2305 and WDCWA look forward to our continuing relationship with the Conservancy.

Thank you again for your support and consideration.

Sincerely,

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Robert Thomas
Board President
Reclamation District 2035

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Dennis Diemer
General Manager
Woodland Davis Clean Water Agency

Cc: Campbell Ingram, Executive Officer, Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy
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February 4, 2016

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SUBJECT: FUNDING FOR ECOSYSTEM AND LAND USE PLANNING STUDY FOR THE CACHE SLOUGH REGION

Chair Provenza and Members of the Delta Conservancy Board:

On January 12, 2016, the Solano County Board of Supervisors received a report on Delta Conservancy Board deliberations regarding potential allocation of Proposition 1 funding to support the study of ecosystem restoration opportunities in the Cache Slough region. Your staff has proposed that the Conservancy include funding for the County to lead a study of land use, agricultural sustainability, and water supply in the region as a companion to and concurrent with the overall study. The Board of Supervisors strongly supports this request. We believe that the multi-dimensional nature of the study is essential to better understanding the potential for restoration in the Cache Slough area and its likely impacts, including potential conflicts with agriculture designated by the County's General Plan for the region.

The land use and agricultural sustainability study described above — and the funding to accomplish it — will be critical to understanding the competing land uses in the region. It will also help us develop strategies by which existing land uses and proposed new ones, such as ecosystem restoration, can co-exist compatibly. We know that the State and Federal governments have a great deal of interest in ecosystem restoration in this area and we see the proposed study as an opportunity to develop a critical baseline of information that will better inform future restoration activity.

While the County supports improved Delta ecological health and overall restoration efforts, we firmly believe that ecosystem planning in this region should not occur in a piecemeal fashion. Patchwork restorations will not only create less valuable habitat, but will also result in significant negative impacts on the County, including revenue losses and increased service costs. The State and Federal governments should prioritize moving forward quickly with this study, in order to better inform how future projects are planned and implemented.

A collaborative, multi-objective, and multi-jurisdictional approach is a foundational component to successful ecosystem planning and project implementation in the Delta. Solano County believes that this study will be essential to informing these efforts and achieving our mutual goals in the region. We appreciate your consideration of this proposal, and look forward to working collaboratively with the Conservancy on this matter of great shared interest.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Erin Hannigan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Erin" being larger and more prominent than the last name "Hannigan".

Erin Hannigan, Chairwoman
Board of Supervisors

cc: John Laird, Secretary, California Resources Agency
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