



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

AGENDA ITEM NO.

C-3

For the meeting of: April 22, 2014

Date: April 14, 2014

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Supervisor Rex Bohn

Subject: Letter of Support for the Mattole Salmon Group's Funding Request to the California State Coastal Conservancy for their Fisheries Restoration Project.

RECOMMENDATION(S): That the Board of Supervisors ratify authorization for the Chair to sign the letter of support.

SOURCE OF FUNDING: N/A

DISCUSSION: The Mattole Salmon Group has requested a letter of support for their funding request to the California State Coastal Conservancy for their fisheries restoration project.

The project is designed to create immediate improvements in fish habitat assisting endangered salmonid species to deal with drought and other impacts. The project is part of a larger five-year Estuary Restoration Plan developed by BLM and their partners.

In addition, the project, with support from the State Coastal Conservancy, will help to leverage needed funding to push the next phase of restoration in the Mattole forward.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: N/A

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT: N/A

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS: Board discretion.

ATTACHMENTS: Letter of Support

Prepared by Kathy Hayes

Signature

REVIEW:

Auditor County Counsel Personnel Risk Manager Other

TYPE OF ITEM:

- X Consent
Departmental
Public Hearing
Other

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

Upon motion of Supervisor Lovelace Seconded by Supervisor Bass

Ayes Sundberg, Lovelace, Bohn, Fennell, Bass
Nays
Abstain
Absent

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No.

Meeting of:

and carried by those members present, the Board hereby approves the recommended action contained in this Board report.

Dated: April 22, 2014

By: Kathy Hayes, Clerk of the Board



April 14, 2014

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

## COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

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Susan A. Corbaley  
Project Manager  
State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor  
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Dear Ms. Corbaley:

The Humboldt County Board of Supervisors supports the Mattole Salmon Group's funding request to the California State Coastal Conservancy for their fisheries restoration project in the estuary area of the Mattole River. This project will place 100 whole trees in the river for fish habitat, plant thousands of riparian trees and cuttings, and finalize analysis and designs to reconnect significant off-channel slough habitat.....all within the First District.

This project is designed to create immediate improvements in fish habitat assisting these endangered salmonid species deal with drought and other impacts. The project is a part of a larger 5 Year Estuary Restoration Plan developed by BLM and their partners.

Partners in this project include the Bureau of Land Management, US Fish and Wildlife Service, NOAA, The Nature Conservancy, the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, CA Department of Water Resources, and the CA Department of Fish and Wildlife, local landowners, and the Mattole Restoration Council, and the State Coastal Conservancy.

The Mattole Salmon Group, the Mattole Restoration Council and many local, regional, state, and federal partners have been working for three decades to restore salmon habitat in the Mattole. These efforts are beginning to pay off as headwaters streams clear quicker after a storm and as significant instream habitat in the headwaters and estuary areas gets restored.

This project, with support from the State Coastal Conservancy, will help to leverage needed funds to piece together this next phase of restoration in the Mattole.

Our Board strongly supports the efforts of the Mattole Salmon Group and their partners and respectfully requests your approval of this very important funding request.

Sincerely,

Rex Bohn, Chair  
Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

RB:kh

cc: Michael Evenson  
President, Board of Directors  
Mattole Salmon Group