

March 27, 2013

Tom Gandesbery
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RE: Eastern San Pablo Bay Shoreline – Wetland and Creek Habitat Restoration Project

Dear Tom,

This letter is to offer my support for the grant application before you for to fund the ***McInnis Marsh Habitat Restoration Project***. Marin County Parks (Parks) submitted an application to the Coastal Conservancy to fund the preparation of a feasibility study to restore McInnis marsh. This project represents a collaborative effort among Parks, Marin County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, and the Las Gallinas Valley Sanitary District and enjoys the support of the Las Gallinas Watershed Program and local and regional environmental groups.

This ***McInnis Marsh Habitat Restoration Project*** represents an outstanding opportunity to restore up to 200 acres of tidal marsh and transitional marsh habitats, resulting in benefits to numerous marine, estuarine, and freshwater species, and will contribute to the recovery of sensitive species, including the California clapper rail and steelhead trout. This project will contribute to the restoration of six miles of natural shoreline and habitat along western San Pablo Bay that extends from China Camp State Park in the south to the Petaluma River in the north.

I look forward to our agencies working together to advance this incredible restoration opportunity.

Sincerely,