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Mr. Harvey Rich  
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Subject: Alton North Conservation Bank Credit Release

Dear Mr. Rich:

This letter is in response to your request for Sacramento Fish and Wildlife Office (Service) approval of a California tiger salamander (CTS) credit release from the Alton North Conservation Bank, located in the City of Santa Rosa, Sonoma County. The request is for 4.00 CTS credits for gopher presence and for 8.96 CTS credits for CTS presence on the bank site.

Per the credit release table (Exhibit F) in the Conservation Bank Agreement for the Alton North Conservation Bank (ANCB), the second credit release is contingent upon gopher presence in disturbed areas of the site post disturbance, and the fourth credit release is contingent upon the presence of adult CTS on the site.

Dr. Ted Winfield provided the Service with documentation (dated November 18, 2010) of gopher mound/burrow presence at ANCB post-construction, and with documentation (dated November 19, 2010) of adult CTS presence on the ANCB. Three individual CTS were found during construction of habitat on the site, and one adult male was observed post-construction. An additional adult male was observed entering the ANCB via a one-way ramp (CTS exclusion device) that had been installed on an adjacent parcel.

The Service has reviewed the above materials, and by this letter, approves the request for release of 4.00 CTS credits for gopher presence, and the request for release of 8.96 CTS credits for CTS presence on the ANCB.

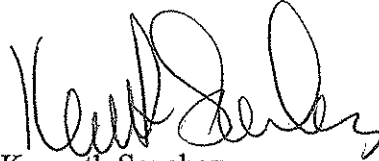
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If you have any questions, please contact Valerie Layne, Conservation Banking Coordinator, at (916) 414-6670.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kenneth Sanchez". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being more prominent.

Kenneth Sanchez  
Assistant Field Supervisor

cc:

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