



LODI-WOODBRIDGE
WINEGRAPE COMMISSION

May 6, 2002

Dan Ray
CALFED Bay-Delta Program
1416 Ninth Street, Suite 630
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Dan,

I am writing on behalf of the Lodi-Woodbridge Winegrape Commission (LWWC) in support of the project entitled "Restoration and Monitoring of Riparian Habitat Corridors Along The Lower Mokelumne River" which has been approved for funding by the CALFED Bay-Delta Program. LWWC is a local marketing order whose membership is all of the winegrape growers in California Crush District #11 (northern half of San Joaquin County and southern half of Sacramento County). There are approximately 750 winegrape growers farming over 80,000 acres of vineyards in the district.

I am director of LWWC's sustainable viticulture program. Therefore I have a particular appreciation of the importance of the above project. The Lower Mokelumne River runs through Crush District #11 and is a resource in need of monitoring, protection and enhancement. One of the great strengths of the above project is that it is a restoration project involving private landowner participation. Moreover, it will become an integral part of the Lower Mokelumne River Watershed Stewardship Plan, in which LWWC is an active participant, and will be a model for other landowners to observe and follow.

In 2000 LWWC began implementing the *Lodi Winegrower's Workbook* program. The *Lodi Winegrower's Workbook* is a self-assessment tool that winegrape growers can use to evaluate the level of sustainable practices being used in their vineyards, identify areas of environmental concern, and to develop action plans for addressing those concerns. One of the areas of emphasis in the workbook is riparian habitat. The "Restoration and Monitoring of Riparian Habitat Corridors Along The Lower Mokelumne River" is the kind of project that the workbook encourages growers to carry out. Therefore its implementation will greatly help LWWC's sustainable viticulture program move forward.

Thank you for considering my recommendation.

Sincerely,

Clifford P. Ohmart, Ph.D.
Research/IPM Director



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ANN CHANEY

May 10, 2002

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Dear Mr. Ray,

The Riparian Habitat Joint Venture would like to express its support for the project proposed by the San Joaquin Resource Conservation District called *Restoration and Monitoring of Riparian Habitat Corridors Along the Lower Mokelumne River*. The Riparian Habitat Joint Venture (RHJV) is a coalition of 17 conservation organizations committed to restoring, enhancing and protecting riparian habitat in California. Our overarching goal is to support the long-term viability and recovery of native bird populations and other associated species that depend on riparian habitat.

The RHJV supports this project because it is a well-designed riparian restoration and monitoring project. In addition, it represents the implementation of the larger Lower Mokelumne River Watershed Stewardship Plan, which uses a holistic watershed approach to habitat restoration in partnership with multiple stakeholders. The following highlights some of the elements of this project that are well aligned with the mission and goals of the RHJV.

1. Restores and potentially expands some of the last remaining Valley Foothill Riparian in the Central Valley and creates a habitat link with adjacent restored riparian habitat.
2. The habitat restoration design and vegetation and population monitoring is based on the Riparian Bird Conservation Plan (RBCP) developed by the RHJV in 2000.
3. The inclusion of a long-term monitoring program is essential to determining the success of the habitat restoration as well as collecting important population information
4. The bird population monitoring conducted outside the restoration areas will provide valuable baseline information that will prove useful for guiding future management activities.

5. Monitoring the focal species from the RBCP allows evaluation of the diverse structure of riparian habitat providing a more complete assessment of the health of the riparian system.
6. This project implements the biological resource component of the Lower Mokelumne River Watershed Stewardship Plan, which integrates multiple resource planning and is supported by multiple stakeholders in the community.
7. This project showcases successful habitat restoration on private land integrated with other agricultural land uses.
8. The restoration focuses on eliminating non-native invasive plant species, one of the major threats to riparian habitat in California.
9. The native plants used for restoration will be grown from seeds collected from the restoration site.

The RHJV believes that this project is not only feasible, but also uses a restoration and monitoring approach based in good science that showcases how to successfully plan resource conservation on a watershed scale with the support of multiple stakeholders. The RHJV recommends that CALFED continue their support of this project and we look forward to celebrating the successful restoration of riparian habitat on the Mokelumne River.

Sincerely,



Ann Chrisney



Cal-Fed.
 Re.. Murphy Creek Restoration Project
 1416 Ninth Street, Suite 1155
 Sacramento, CA 95814

To whom it may concern:

We are owners of approximately 500 acres which fall into the Murphy Creek watershed. and we are vehemently opposed to the Murphy Creek Restoration Project for several reasons, including:

The grant application incorrectly cites an historic salmon run on the creek. I (Joe) have lived here 60+ years and know of no salmon run. The closest thing to a "run" occurred after Comanche Dam was built, a few errant fish would find their way up the creek in exceptionally high rainfall years.

Proponents of the project have stated that all landowners support the project. A quick analysis of statements we have heard pro or con indicate to us that in terms of numbers of landowners or in terms of numbers of acres in the watershed, the majority is opposed to the project.

This is a poor use of tax dollars and we cannot see how it could possibly benefit us, the landowners. We do see how it is a threat to our property value and property rights, largely due to the E. S. A. We do not want any bio-research people trespassing on our land. If the project goes forth and we do suffer losses, we will hold proponents, public and private liable for any ensuing losses.

Sincerely,

Joe & Ann Mehrten

- cc: Congressman Richard Pombo
- Congressman John Doolittle
- East Bay Municipal Utility District
- Supervisor Jack Sieglöck
- Assemblyman Anthony Pescetti
- Dave Simpson, Natural Resources Conservation District

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CARPENTER FAMILY

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March 1, 2002

Cal Fed:
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Re: Murphy Creek Restoration Project

Thank you for taking the time to read our letter. We are property owners of 171 acres and in the process of purchasing 80 more adjacent acres in the Murphy Creek watershed. We are concerned about the process going to eliminate our pond.

We purchased this property last year, and are in the process of building our dream home. We purchased this parcel because of the beauty of the view of our pond with seasonal creek. We find out now that our neighbor is pushing the issue of saving the salmon by eliminating our pond and creek. Looking further into this, they have come to inform us that the salmon use to run up this creek. Visiting quiet a few of the other neighbors, this has never happened.

We want to save our pond! Our children fish in this pond, my husband, with our 16-year-old son do lots of duck hunting together on our pond (this is first time they both ever caught a goose) and our animals drink from this pond. Also, not to forget the breathtaking view of the creek entering our pond we will be losing.

Our neighbor asked if she could meet with us and answer any questions. We did and she surprisingly, (having done 2 years of research on this project) could not answer the questions we had for her. She informed us she did not know the answers and would have to have the biologist answer them for us. The questions my husband was asking were very logical. One question was how are they to get down across one road, and was she informed of the cost that would be? She said that was in the future planning and that the costs were not yet accounted for. To take out a road and reroute it for a fish? Wow, someone has a deep pocketbook. Hope it is not any of my money. We called some of the people near this road and they had not yet been informed of the project. Already they have close to \$400,000 granted for this and that is to only tear out the berry trees. Please remember that we have been informed that the salmon have never, never been up this creek. Some of the common sense questions that cannot be answered leave it to be impossible.

We told her we did not want any one driving and doing any research on our property. (They were driving trucks all over our land and leaving tire marks any and everywhere, I really think this is called trespassing.) Upon her departing from our property, she asked us if we could sign a letter allowing them to enter our property and release liability for them to do research. We read this letter and noticed that it read "Participants in restoring Murphy Creek" and once we signed the letter we were added onto her list of participants. We quickly told her "I DON'T THINK SO!" She tried to secretly get us on her list of participants.

We feel it is a threat to our property, and the value of the land, to loose our pond. We purchased this property because of the isolations of the busy life we have been living. We really did not expect to be in a squabble so soon, and especially for fighting for our land. We do not want to have to answer to any one on what we do with our land.

We really feel that there is more to this than we know. All we want to do is to fulfill our dream future and enjoy our life. We do not definitely want any of our tax dollars to go to waste any more on this foolish, never going to happen, waste of time project. We hope someone notices the waste and puts a stop to this quickly!!

Sincerely,

Greg and Deidra Carpenter

P.S. We have found out that this neighbor has succeeded in accomplishing this same situation in Oregon, and the neighbors are not very happy!!!!

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October 3, 2001

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To Whom It May Concern:

The San Joaquin Resource Conservation District, through its subcontractors Bitterroot Restoration, Incorporated, Point Reyes Bird Observatory, and East Bay Municipal Utility District; has my permission to conduct a riparian restoration and monitoring project on my land, pursuant to approval of project funding by CALFED.

The permission is granted for the project to be conducted on approximately 24.3 acres of land along one mile of the Mokelumne River, located between x and y roads. This permission is for all work associated with the project including development of a planting plan, site preparation, site maintenance, and vegetation and wildlife monitoring for at least the three year duration of the project.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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VINEYARD MANAGEMENT COMPANY, INC.

October 1, 2001

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The permission is granted for the project to be conducted on approximately 200 acres of land along one mile of the Mokelumne River, located between Peltier and Jahant roads. This permission is for all work associated with the project including development of a planning plan, site preparation, site maintenance, and vegetation and wildlife monitoring for at least the three year duration of the project.

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Sincerely,



Bradford A. Lange
Partner