

**BEAR RIVER BAND of ROHNERVILLE RANCHERIA**

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February 18, 2016

Ocean Protection Council – Proposition 1 Grant Program  
1416 Ninth Street, Suite 1311  
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Support Letter for the proposed entitled: Connecting a Tributary in the Salt River Coastal Watershed.

To Whom It May Concern,

The Bear River Band of Rohnerville Rancheria is very supportive of the Humboldt County Resource Conservation District's Proposition 1 proposal of restoring the final reach of the Salt River. We recognize the tremendous potential to enhance fish and wildlife habitat by restoring the historic Salt River channel and reconnecting flow from a diverted tributary, while at the same time reducing the duration of flooding in the project area.

We respectfully encourage your support of The Humboldt County Resource Conservation District's efforts to restore the Salt River; for its habitat restoration, flood damage reduction, and economic revitalization potentials.

Sincerely,

Dakota McGinnis  
Vice Chairman  
Bear River Band of Rohnerville Rancheria

## SALT RIVER WATERSHED COUNCIL

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*Restoring a historic waterway while preserving an agricultural heritage*

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To: Ocean Protection Council - Proposition 1 Restoration Grant Program

To Whom It May Concern,

The Salt River Watershed Council (SRWC) is a local 501 (c) 3 organization working with residents of the Salt River Watershed community, as well as the Humboldt County Resource Conservation District (HCRCD) and other partners and stakeholders, to restore the Salt River. The eleven SRWC board members are each landowners and land managers who volunteer their time to identify and look for solutions to resource issues within the Salt River watershed. The specific purposes for which the SRWC is organized are to foster education and encourage public cooperation to restore, improve, protect, and maintain ecosystem functions, and agricultural, economic and community sustainability in the Salt River Watershed.

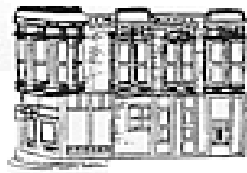
Over the past several years SRWC has supported the implementation the Salt River Ecosystem Restoration Project to restore function to the watershed. This will reduce severe flooding and ponding; improve conditions for agriculture; and enhance fish and wildlife habitat. When construction of the restoration project is complete SRWC will ultimately assume responsibility for helping the community monitor, maintain and manage the restoration effort in perpetuity.

The importance this project has to the community, local government, and to fish and wildlife is immense. The SRWC supports the HCRCD's proposal restoring the Salt River and connecting Williams Creek, and would like to convey its commitment to the success of this project.

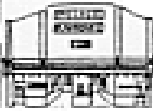
Sincerely,



Dennis DelBiaggio, Chairman  
Board of Directors  
Salt River Watershed Council  
Ferndale, CA



# City of Ferndale



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February 10, 2016

To: Ocean Protection Council - Proposition 1 Grant Program


Re: Support Letter for the proposal entitled: Connecting a Tributary in the Salt River Coastal Watershed

To Whom It May Concern,

The City of Ferndale is very supportive of the Humboldt County Resource Conservation District's Proposition 1 proposal of restoring upper most reach of the Salt River. We recognize the tremendous potential to enhance fish and wildlife habitat by restoring the historic Salt River channel and estuary, while at the same time greatly reducing the duration of flooding in the project area. The loss of the Salt River channel in the Eel River Delta has led to significant flooding problems which impose severe economic burdens on farmers and residents in the project area. In this sense, the Salt River Ecosystem Restoration Project will be a win-win for the environment and agriculture, and for Ferndale area residents.

We respectfully encourage you to support The Humboldt County Resource Conservation District's efforts to restore the Salt River; for its habitat restoration, flood damage reduction, and economic revitalization potentials.

Sincerely,



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September 14, 2015

Charles Bonham, Director  
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Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Support Letter for the 2016 Implementation of the Salt River Ecosystem Restoration Project

Dear Mr. Bonham:

I write to express my continued support for the Humboldt County Resource Conservation District's efforts to restore the channel of the Salt River, an important tributary of the Eel River in the northern part of my congressional district.

By restoring vital wetlands and riparian habitat and rehabilitating the Salt River channel, their work provides remarkable benefits to the fish and wildlife of the Eel River and Salt River watersheds. The project is also vital to preventing flooding and increasing agricultural productivity. These efforts will substantially help private landowners, wildlife and the salmon and steelhead fisheries of the Eel River basin and the larger region.

Thank you for your full and fair consideration of this important project to increase the value of the vital Eel River estuary and watershed.

Sincerely,



JARED HUFFMAN  
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