



AMERICAN LAND CONSERVANCY

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November 3, 2010

Mr. Roger W. Briggs, Executive Officer
Mr. Michael Thomas, Assistant Executive Officer
Regional Water Quality Control Board
Central Coast Region
895 Aerovista Place, Suite 101
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

Re: Extension Request for Wild Cherry Canyon Preservation Project Grant

Dear Mr. Briggs and Mr. Thomas:

In July 2009, the Regional Water Quality Control Board approved a Resolution to allocate \$950,000 to the American Land Conservancy for the purpose of preserving 2,400-acre Wild Cherry Canyon (Resolution No. R3-2009-0048). The original Resolution included a sunset date of June 30, 2010, which was amended at the May, 2010 Regional Water Quality Control Board meeting to extend the sunset date to December 31, 2010.

The American Land Conservancy (ALC) respectfully requests an extension of the sunset date to **April 30, 2011** to allow adequate time for the final negotiations and procurement of funds necessary to complete the project.

The entire purchase price of \$21,240,000 has been raised, except for the portion coming from the State (\$6,900,000). That portion is expected to be awarded to ALC in February of 2011 at the state's Public Works Board hearing. Per the pending grant agreement with ALC, the Regional Board would not release its portion of the funding until all other funds have been procured. The revised sunset date, therefore, gives ALC adequate time to raise the last remaining funds from the State, thereby enabling the release of Regional Board funds.

Without an extension of the sunset date from the Regional Board, ALC would not be able to complete the Wild Cherry Canyon conservation project, as there are no other sources to make up for the Regional Board monies.

Thank you for considering our request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kerry O'Toole".

Kerry O'Toole, President
American Land Conservancy

Item No. 16, Attachment 2
December 9, 2010 Meeting
Wild Cherry Canyon Funding
Add'l Ext. of Grant Sunset Date