



July 28, 2014

VIA EMAIL

Mr. Jean Pierre Wolff, Chair
Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board
895 Aerovista Place, Suite 101
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

Re: Support for Pismo Preserve Funding Request

Dear Mr. Wolff:

I am writing to express my strong support for the Land Conservancy of San Luis Obispo County request that your board consider directing all or a substantial portion of the funds previously allocated to the Wild Cherry Canyon project for their Pismo Preserve acquisition.


The Coastal Conservancy board awarded \$4 million towards the Pismo Preserve acquisition in May of this year, and the Wildlife Conservation Board will consider its staff recommendation to award another \$4 million grant at its board meeting next month. Clearly, the state will be making a substantial financial commitment to acquire and protect the coastal resources of this spectacular 900-acre site, including its abundant underlying groundwater that could otherwise serve up to 63 homes from the six wells located on the site today.

In addition to preserving the site's groundwater resources, the acquisition of the Preserve will enable residents from the Five Cities area as well as tourists to easily access the property and take advantage of its amazing vistas that span from Point San Luis to Point Sal. What a resource for everyone to enjoy!

I understand the Land Conservancy still needs to raise another \$1 million or so by the end of this summer in order to acquire the Pismo Preserve. I also understand the local community has already stepped up to the plate in a big way with numerous agencies, hotel associations, nonprofits and individuals contributing over \$2.5 million to date. That's simply incredible.

What a tremendous opportunity your board has in front of you! Please join us in making the Pismo Preserve a reality.

Sincerely,


Sam Schuchat
Executive Officer

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