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Mr. John Robertus
Executive Officer
San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board
9174 Sky Park Court, Suite 100
San Diego, CA 92123

RE: Buena Vista Lagoon Supplemental Environmental Project

Dear Mr. Robertus:

The Coastal Conservancy remains very supportive of the Buena Vista Lagoon Engineering Studies and Analyses Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP) for \$500,000 that was submitted to the Regional Board by the US Fish and Wildlife Service and the Department of Fish and Game. We appreciate your previous support of this SEP and hope that it will be funded.

The Buena Vista Lagoon has long been impacted by a concrete weir across the ocean inlet that controls the water levels in the Lagoon. Restoration of the Buena Vista Lagoon is a Tier 1 priority project on the Southern California Wetlands Recovery Work Plan. For the past several years, the Coastal Conservancy, the Department of Fish and Game and many other organizations have been working to develop and implement a plan to enhance the Lagoon.

Both the Regional Board and the State Coastal Conservancy have committed funding for this project over the past few years. However, there is not adequate funding available to complete the engineering work at this time. The proposed \$500,000 funding for engineering studies and analyses would really help move this project toward implementation.

I encourage you to consider funding for this SEP as the opportunity arises. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at (510) 286-4181.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mary Small".

Mary Small
South Coast Regional Manager

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