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January 18, 2024

Shandy Carroll
Advance Planning-Land Use
Housing and Community Development
Monterey County
1441 Schilling Place, 2nd Floor
Salinas, CA 93991

Re: BSLT property proposed to be acquired by Monterey County for CRFREE Project

Dear Ms. Carroll,

I am writing in regard to your letter dated August 10, 2023 informing Big Sur Land Trust (BSLT) of the County's appraisal of a portion of BSLT property for acquisition (for a permanent easement) and use for the Carmel River Floodplain Restoration and Environmental Enhancement Project (CRFREE). In the letter you indicate that the fair market value of the 0.85 acres of BSLT property is estimated at \$17,000. We understand from your letter that we have a right to just compensation in the amount of \$17,000 or, alternatively, that we may waive our right. In consideration of our partnership with the County on the CRFREE project, we are electing to waive our right for compensation in this case, so that the County may utilize CRFREE grant funds on other project elements.

We will appreciate being kept apprised of the deed process and related agreement for consideration and approval by the Board of Supervisors.

Should you have questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at jtuitele@bigsurlandtrust.org or Rachel Saunders, our Director of Conservation at rsaunders@bigsurlandtrust.org.

Sincerely,



Jeannette Tuitele-Lewis
President/CEO

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