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Douglas Bosco
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1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

LETTER OF SUPPORT - LOWER CARMEL RIVER RESTORATION PROJECT PLANNING

Dear Chairman Bosco:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) District 5 is pleased to provide this letter of support for the Big Sur Land Trust's application for funding to continue project planning for the Lower Carmel River Restoration Project.

Caltrans District 5 supports the project continuing into the design and engineering phase, possible with the assistance of grant funds from the Coastal Conservancy. District 5 has assigned staff to the project and has participated in several project planning sessions. We have completed our initial review of the project's elements, including the proposed causeway at Highway 1, and Minor A funding of \$1 million has been tentatively identified toward the project's construction.

We appreciate your support of the project and its necessary elements to provide enhanced habitat and flood protection in the lower Carmel River.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Richard Krumholz".

RICHARD KRUMHOLZ
District Director

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