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November 12, 2019

Chairman Douglas Bosco
California State Coastal Conservancy
1515 Clay Street, 10th Floor
Oakland, California 94612

Subject: Acquisition of Buck's Landing, Marin County

Dear Chairman Bosco:

Marin Conservation League is pleased to support the public acquisition of the historic Buck's Landing in unincorporated San Rafael. The acquisition will provide the opportunity to enhance both tidal marsh and upland habitat fronting on Gallinas Creek and to develop a shoreline park with boat access to nearby San Pablo Bay. As an extension of the Santa Venetia neighborhood, the site is near China Camp State Park, and a small portion to the south of San Pedro Road directly abuts the recently acquired 12-acre Heron Hill Open Space Preserve. The site also includes the potential to serve as a trailhead for the regional San Francisco Bay Water Trail.

Developed portions of the 32-acre site already support a boat launch and boat storage area, parking lot, and other miscellaneous storage buildings, some of which will be demolished. Access for non-motorized boats will remain. The interim plan calls for improving restrooms, adding picnic tables, a pathway, and other amenities to enable public use. The longer-term planning process for the property acknowledges future effects from climate change and therefore includes: 1) adaptive planning for sea level rise; 2) developing a natural shoreline concept; 3) protecting and restoring San Pablo Bay tidal marsh habitat; and, 4) at the same time, improving public access to the Bay.

MCL believes that this is an excellent use of the County's Measure A funds and appreciates that a grant from the State Coastal Conservancy's Climate Ready program will make the acquisition possible. Marin residents and many others will enjoy the protected tidal marsh and upland habitats and the refurbished park with shoreline access for years to come!

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Linda J. Novy". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

Linda J. Novy
President

Cc. James Raives, Marin County Parks

