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Karyn Gear  
North Coast Program Manager  
Coastal Conservancy  
1515 Clay Street, 10th floor  
Oakland, CA 94612

Re: Mill Bend Conservation Project, Gualala, CA

Dear Ms. Gear,

Mendocino County supports Redwood Coast Land Conservancy's grant application to the California State Coastal Conservancy for acquisition and planning of the Mill Bend Conservation Project. The \$1.3M application will preserve and protect 113 acres in perpetuity at the mouth of the Gualala River from future urban development. This includes 60 acres of declining coastal wetlands.

The Gualala River is an important anadromous fish stream. This grant will allow for the protection of high priority coastal wetlands, riparian areas and associated uplands at the estuary and the lower reach of the Gualala River.

Public access and wildlife-oriented recreational opportunities will benefit through the extension of the California Coast Trail from the town of Gualala to the Gualala River estuary and then continue upriver to connect with current and future trails and river access points.

The project includes feasibility studies necessary to best steer public access and trails, habitat restoration upland and in-stream estuary restoration to benefit steelhead and Coho salmon.

The project establishes the Mill Bend property as a gateway and a catalyst for future conservation projects, including restoration of the estuary and lagoon, and the proposed future upstream river, redwood and open space parkway concept.

Sincerely,

John Haschak, Chair  
Mendocino County Board of Supervisors

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