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The Honorable Douglas Boscoe, Chairman California State Coastal Conservancy 1515 Clay St., 10th Floor Oakland, CA 94612-1401

Re: Statement of Support for the Mendocino County Resource Conservation District Proposal to the California Coastal Conservancy Funding of the Lower Tenmile Creek Sediment Control and Fish Enhancement Project

Dear Chair Boscoe.

It is with substantial enthusiasm that the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors endorses the proposal by the Mendocino County Resource Conservation District for a California Coastal Conservancy grant to stop sediment pollution in critical salmon spawning habitat in lower Tenmile Creek and to heal gullies in meadows to restore the hydrology and to facilitate native grass restoration. The Vassar property that is being treated can be a demonstration show case for meadow restoration and help the community envision how grasslands can be restored at the Tenmile Creek watershed scale.

We are also happy to see continuing funding for grassroots restoration projects that employ local workers because the community of Laytonville is economically disadvantaged and the restoration funding helps support the local economy. The meadows that will be restored by the project will also have prescribed fire applied that will include cooperative efforts involving neighbors and it is hoped that these efforts can be sustained into the future, in the mode of land management by Native Americans historically.

We hope you favorably consider this proposal. Please call me if you have any questions or wish to discuss further why we so like this proposal.

Sincerely,

Maureen Mulheren

Chair, Mendocino County Board of Supervisors

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