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November 13, 2023

Carrie Selberg Robinson, Director  
NOAA Fisheries, Office of Habitat Conservation  
1315 East-West Highway, 14th Floor  
Silver Spring, MD 20910

Dear Director Selberg Robinson:

I am writing to support the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy's grant proposal for the Redwood Creek Watershed Habitat Enhancement Project, located in Mount Tamalpais State Park and National Park Service reaches of Redwood Creek in Marin County.

This project is a high priority for the National Park Service, Golden Gate National Recreation Area, California State Parks, and One Tam, the collaborative of land management agencies charged with stewarding Mount Tamalpais including California State Parks, the National Park Service, Marin County Parks, Marin Water, and the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy.

Redwood Creek is one of a limited number of central California coast streams that continues to support a population of coho salmon, but that population is in decline and restoration of salmon habitat is critical. This project would complement several ongoing investments by One Tam partners to realize the Redwood Creek Watershed Vision. The project's specific focus is to improve and enhance stream and riparian habitat conditions for the specific benefit of federally endangered coho salmon (*Oncorhynchus kisutch*) and federally threatened steelhead trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*) in Redwood Creek. Instream and floodplain restoration actions will also benefit other important aquatic species, including the federally threatened California red-legged frog (*Rana draytonii*) and proposed threatened northwestern pond turtle (*Actinemys marmorata*).

This project will also improve equity within our local disadvantaged communities through partnership with the Ecological Workforce Initiative to provide specialized ecological worker awareness and compliance training, elevating skills and providing pathways to living wage ecological trade work careers.

NOAA's support and funding for this project would not only advance efforts to restore a full range of natural functions to Redwood Creek and its habitat in support of native aquatic and riparian-dependent species, but would also create new economic opportunities for local disadvantaged communities through equitable workforce development as well as new opportunities for the public to meaningfully engage with these efforts at Muir Woods National Monument through improved visitor access while experiencing one of the last remaining old growth redwood forests in the San Francisco Bay Area.

I am confident the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy, California State Parks, and the National Park Service will effectively implement this project. Thank you for your full and fair consideration. Please contact my district director, Jenny Callaway, at 415-258-9657 if you need additional information.

Sincerely,



**JARED HUFFMAN**  
Member of Congress

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# United States Department of the Interior



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IN REPLY REFER TO:

November 11, 2023

Carrie Selberg Robinson, Director  
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Silver Spring, MD 20910

Dear Director Robinson,

The National Park Service Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA) and Muir Woods National Monument (MWNM) are committed to our ongoing collaboration with the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy (GGNPC) and fully support their Transformational Habitat Restoration grant application for the Redwood Creek Watershed National and State Parks Habitat Enhancement Project (Project).

The proposed Project, located in the Mount Tamalpais State Park and National Park Service (NPS) reaches of Redwood Creek in Marin County, California, aligns with long-standing NPS priorities and builds on years of collaboration and investments by federal, state, and non-profit partners in the Redwood Creek Watershed. The Project would restore a critical range of natural functions to Redwood Creek and its habitat in support of native aquatic and riparian-dependent species, specifically for the benefit of the federally endangered coho salmon (*Oncorhynchus kisutch*) and federally threatened steelhead trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*).

NPS fully is committed to the collaboration and to providing NPS staff support for successful implementation of Project actions within our boundaries at MWNM and the Banducci sites. NOAA's support and funding for the proposed Project will also contribute to the recovery of coho through improved visitor access and an enhanced visitor experience in MWNM, and in so doing, connect nearly a million annual visitors to past and ongoing habitat restoration work in the Redwood Creek watershed through engagement, education, and interpretation.

Sincerely,

David A. Smith  
Superintendent  
Golden Gate National Parks  
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# DEVELOPING A HIGHLY TRAINED ECOLOGICAL RESTORATION WORKFORCE



November 9, 2023

NOAA  
Fisheries Office of Habitat Conservation  
1315 East-West Highway, 14th Floor  
Silver Spring, MD 20910

## **Re: 2023 NOAA Transformational Habitat Restoration Grant Application for Redwood Creek Watershed National and California State Parks Habitat Enhancement Project**

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to express my support for the support for the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy's grant proposal for the Redwood Creek Watershed Habitat Enhancement Project, located in Mount Tamalpais State Park and National Park Service reaches of Redwood Creek in Marin County.

This project is a high priority for the National Park Service, Golden Gate National Recreation Area, California State Parks, and One Tam, the collaborative of land management agencies charged with stewarding Mount Tamalpais including California State Parks, the National Park Service, Marin County Parks, Marin Water, and the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy, and would complement several ongoing investments by One Tam partners to realize the Redwood Creek Watershed Vision.

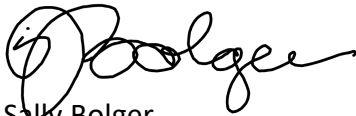
The project's specific ecological focus is to improve and enhance stream and riparian habitat conditions and its restoration actions of instream and floodplain will benefit multiple federally endangered and federally threatened species. Redwood Creek is one of a limited number of central California coast streams that continues to support a population of coho salmon, but that population is in decline and restoration of salmon habitat is critical.

Equal in importance to the ecological implications of this proposed project is the project's commitment to strengthening equity within our local disadvantaged communities through partnership with the Ecological Workforce Initiative to provide specialized ecological worker Awareness and Compliance Training to the construction crews, including crews of the local and state conservation corps, who draw participants from under-served communities in proximity to the project, thus elevating the skills and opening pathways to prevailing wage careers in ecological trade work and related positions.

NOAA's support and funding for this project will not only advance efforts to restore a full range of natural functions to Redwood Creek and its habitat in support of native aquatic and riparian-dependent species but will also create new economic opportunities for local disadvantaged communities through equitable workforce development.

I have full confidence the Parks Conservancy, California State Parks, and the National Park Service will effectively implement this project.

Sincerely,

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Sally Bolger  
Director

# California State Senate

## SENATOR MIKE MCGUIRE

MAJORITY LEADER

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA'S SECOND SENATE DISTRICT

November 6, 2023



Carrie Selberg Robinson, Director  
NOAA Fisheries, Office of Habitat Conservation  
1315 East-West Highway, 14th Floor  
Silver Spring, MD 20910

Dear Director Robinson:

I would like to convey my support for the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy's grant proposal for the Redwood Creek Watershed Habitat Enhancement Project, located in Mount Tamalpais State Park and National Park Service reaches of Redwood Creek in Marin County.

This project would complement several ongoing investments by One Tam partners to realize the Redwood Creek Watershed Vision. The project's specific focus is to improve and enhance stream and riparian habitat conditions for the specific benefit of federally endangered coho salmon (*Oncorhynchus kisutch*) and federally threatened steelhead trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*) in Redwood Creek.

NOAA's support and funding for this project would not only advance efforts to restore a full range of natural functions to Redwood Creek and its habitat in support of native aquatic and riparian-dependent species, but would also create new opportunities for the public to meaningfully engage with these efforts at Muir Woods National Monument through improved visitor access.

Thank you for your consideration of this critical request. If our office can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to call us at 916-651-4002.

Warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "Mike McGuire", written in a cursive style.

MIKE MCGUIRE  
Senator



November 10, 2023

NOAA Fisheries  
Office of Habitat Conservation  
1315 East-West Highway, 14th Floor  
Silver Spring, MD 20910

**Re: 2023 NOAA Transformational Habitat Restoration Grant Application for Redwood Creek Watershed National and California State Parks Habitat Enhancement Project**

Dear [NOAA]:

I proudly submit this letter in support of the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy's grant proposal for the Redwood Creek Watershed Habitat Enhancement Project, located in Mount Tamalpais State Park and National Park Service reaches of Redwood Creek in Marin County. This project is a high priority for the National Park Service, Golden Gate National Recreation Area, California State Parks, and One Tam, the collaborative of land management agencies charged with stewarding Mount Tamalpais including California State Parks, the National Park Service, Marin County Parks, Marin Water, and the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy.

The project's specific focus is to improve and enhance stream and riparian habitat conditions for the specific benefit of federally endangered coho salmon (*Oncorhynchus kisutch*) and federally threatened steelhead trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*) in Redwood Creek. Instream and floodplain restoration actions will also benefit other important aquatic species, including the federally threatened California red-legged frog (*Rana draytonii*) and proposed threatened northwestern pond turtle (*Actinemys marmorata*). Redwood Creek is one of a limited number of central California coast streams that continues to support a population of coho salmon, but that population is in decline and restoration of salmon habitat is critical.

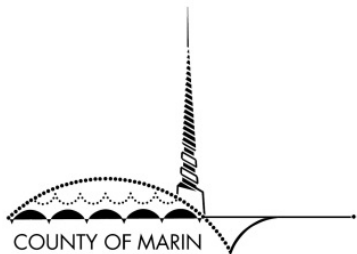
This project would complement several ongoing investments by One Tam partners to realize the Redwood Creek Watershed Vision. I am also in support of the funding request submitted by the Marin Conservation League for the Redwood Creek Watershed Water Supply Line Extension Project. Together, these projects create a more transformational habitat for benefit coho salmon. NOAA's support and funding for these projects not only advance efforts to restore a full range of natural functions to Redwood Creek and its habitat in support of native aquatic and riparian-dependent species, but would also create new opportunities for the public to meaningfully engage with these efforts at Muir Woods National Monument through improved visitor access while experiencing one of the last remaining old growth redwood forests in the San Francisco Bay Area.

Thank you for your consideration of this grant application. Should you have any questions, please contact my office at (415) 479-4920.

Sincerely,

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**Re: 2023 NOAA Transformational Habitat Restoration Grant  
Application for Redwood Creek Watershed National and California  
State Parks Habitat Enhancement Project**

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to express my support as the County of Marin District Four Supervisor for the support for the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy's grant proposal for the Redwood Creek Watershed Habitat Enhancement Project, located in Mount Tamalpais State Park and National Park Service reaches of Redwood Creek in Marin County.

This project is a high priority for the National Park Service, Golden Gate National Recreation Area, California State Parks, and One Tam, the collaborative of land management agencies charged with stewarding Mount Tamalpais including California State Parks, the National Park Service, Marin County Parks, Marin Water, and the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy.

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This project is committed to strengthening equity within our local disadvantaged communities through partnership with the Ecological Workforce Initiative to provide specialized ecological worker awareness and compliance training, elevating skills, and providing pathways to living wage ecological tradework careers.

NOAA's support and funding for this project would not only advance efforts to restore a full range of natural functions to Redwood Creek and its habitat in support of native aquatic and riparian-dependent species, but would also create new economic opportunities for local disadvantaged communities through equitable workforce development as well as new opportunities for the public to meaningfully engage with these efforts at Muir Woods National Monument through improved visitor access while experiencing one of the last remaining old growth redwood forests in the San Francisco Bay Area.

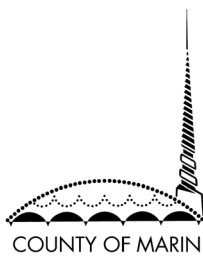
I have full confidence the Parks Conservancy, California State Parks, and the National Park Service will effectively implement this project.

Sincerely,

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Dennis Rodoni  
Supervisor District 4





# MARIN COUNTY PARKS

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November 7, 2023

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Silver Spring, MD 20910

**Re: 2023 NOAA Transformational Habitat Restoration Grant Application for Redwood Creek Watershed National and California State Parks Habitat Enhancement Project**

Dear NOAA:

I am writing on behalf of Marin County Parks to offer our enthusiastic support for the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy's grant proposal for the Redwood Creek Watershed Habitat Enhancement Project, located in Mount Tamalpais State Park and National Park Service reaches of Redwood Creek in Marin County. This project is a high priority for One Tam, the collaborative of land management agencies charged with stewarding Mount Tamalpais, including California State Parks, the National Park Service, Marin County Parks, Marin Water, and the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy.

This project would complement several ongoing investments by One Tam partners to realize the Redwood Creek Watershed Vision. The project's specific focus is to improve and enhance stream and riparian habitat conditions for the specific benefit of federally endangered coho salmon (*Oncorhynchus kisutch*) and federally threatened steelhead trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*) in Redwood Creek. Instream and floodplain restoration actions will also benefit other important aquatic species, including the federally threatened California red-legged frog (*Rana draytonii*) and proposed threatened northwestern pond turtle (*Actinemys marmorata*).

NOAA's support and funding for this project would advance efforts to restore a full range of natural functions to Redwood Creek and its habitat in support of native aquatic and riparian-dependent species.

The project supports Marin County Parks' mission to educate, inspire, and engage the people of Marin in the shared commitment to preserving, protecting, and enriching the natural beauty of Marin's parks and open spaces and providing recreational opportunities for all generations. We are confident that the Parks Conservancy, California State Parks, and the National Park Service will effectively implement this project.

Sincerely,

*Mischon Martin*

Mischon Martin  
Chief of Conservation Science, Projects & Design  
Marin County Parks



November 7, 2023

NOAA Fisheries  
Office of Habitat Conservation  
1315 East-West Highway, 14th Floor  
Silver Spring, MD 20910

Re: 2023 NOAA Transformational Habitat Restoration Grant Application for Redwood Creek Watershed National and California State Parks Habitat Enhancement Project

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing on behalf of the Marin Municipal Water District to offer our enthusiastic support for the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy's grant proposal for the Redwood Creek Watershed Habitat Enhancement Project, located in the Mount Tamalpais State Park reach of Redwood Creek in Marin County. This project is a priority for One Tam, the collaborative of land management agencies charged with stewarding Mt. Tamalpais including the Parks Conservancy, Marin County Parks, Marin Municipal Water District (MMWD), California State Parks, and the National Park Service.

This project would complement several ongoing investments by One Tam partners to realize the Redwood Creek Watershed Vision. The project's specific focus is to improve and enhance stream and riparian habitat conditions for the benefit of federally endangered coho salmon (*Oncorhynchus kisutch*) and federally threatened steelhead trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*) in Redwood Creek. Redwood Creek is one of a limited number of central California coast streams that continue to support a population of coho salmon. NOAA's support and funding for this project would advance efforts to restore a full range of natural functions to Redwood Creek and its habitat in support of native aquatic and riparian-dependent species, including the federally threatened California red-legged frog (*Rana draytonii*) and proposed threatened northwestern pond turtle (*Actinemys marmorata*).

The project supports MMWD's mission to restore aquatic habitats and conserve the interconnected populations of salmonids in Marin County. We have full confidence that the Parks Conservancy and California State Parks will effectively implement this project.

Sincerely,

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Ben Horenstein  
General Manager  
Marin Water District



SAN FRANCISCO ZEN CENTER

November 6, 2023

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Silver Spring, MD 20910

**Re: 2023 NOAA Transformational Habitat Restoration Grant Application for Redwood Creek Watershed National and California State Parks Habitat Enhancement Project**

Dear NOAA Fisheries:

I am writing on behalf of Green Gulch Farm Zen Center to offer our support for the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy's grant proposal for the Redwood Creek Watershed Habitat Enhancement Project, located in Mount Tamalpais State Park and National Park Service reaches of Redwood Creek in Marin County. This project is a high priority for the National Park Service, Golden Gate National Recreation Area, California State Parks, and One Tam, the collaborative of land management agencies charged with stewarding Mount Tamalpais, including California State Parks, the National Park Service, Marin County Parks, Marin Water, and the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy.

Green Gulch Creek runs the length of Green Gulch Farm and is the downstream-most tributary to Redwood Creek. We have been working to restore habitat and flow in Green Gulch Creek for over a decade. The Parks Conservancy's project would complement our creek restoration efforts and ongoing investments by other One Tam partners to realize the Redwood Creek Watershed Vision. The project's specific focus is to improve and enhance stream and riparian habitat conditions for the particular benefit of federally endangered coho salmon (*Oncorhynchus kisutch*) and federally threatened steelhead trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*) in Redwood Creek. Instream and floodplain restoration actions will also benefit other critical aquatic species, including the federally threatened California red-legged frog (*Rana draytonii*) and the proposed threatened northwestern pond turtle (*Actinemys marmorata*). Redwood Creek is one of a limited number of central California coast streams that continues to support a population of coho salmon. However, that population is in decline, and restoration of salmon habitat is critical.

NOAA's support and funding for this project would advance efforts to restore a full range of natural functions to Redwood Creek and its habitat in support of native aquatic and riparian-dependent species while also supporting new opportunities for the public to meaningfully engage with these efforts at Muir Woods National Monument through improved visitor access while experiencing one of the last remaining old growth redwood forests in the San Francisco Bay Area.

We are confident that the Parks Conservancy, California State Parks, and the National Park Service will effectively implement this project and positively impact totem species in our watershed to benefit us all.

Sincerely,

Sara Tashker  
Green Gulch Creek Restoration Project Manager  
Green Gulch Farm Zen Center

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November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023



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**Re: 2023 NOAA Transformational Habitat Restoration Grant Application for Redwood Creek Watershed National and California State Parks Habitat Enhancement Project**

Dear NOAA,

I am writing on behalf of Marin Conservation League to offer our enthusiastic support for the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy's grant proposal for the Redwood Creek Watershed Habitat Enhancement Project, located in Marin County. This project is a high priority for Golden Gate National Recreation Area, California State Parks, Marin County Parks, Marin Water, and the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy.

The Habitat Enhancement Project has the specific focus to improve and enhance stream and riparian habitat conditions for the benefit of federally endangered coho salmon (*Oncorhynchus kisutch*) and federally threatened steelhead trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*) in Redwood Creek. Instream and floodplain restoration actions will also benefit other important aquatic species, including the federally threatened California red-legged frog (*Rana draytonii*) and proposed threatened northwestern pond turtle (*Actinemys marmorata*). Redwood Creek is one of a limited number of central California coast streams that continues to support a population of coho salmon, but that population is in decline and restoration of salmon habitat is critical.

This project would also complement a Marin Conservation League proposal that is also being submitted as a separate grant application for the NOAA Transformational Habitat grant called the Water Supply Line Extension for the Redwood Creek Watershed. These projects are in the same watershed and would work synergistically to create a much larger transformation for the region. NOAA's support and funding for this project would not only advance efforts to restore a full range of natural functions to Redwood Creek and its habitat in support of native aquatic and riparian-dependent species, but would also create new opportunities for the public to meaningfully engage with these efforts at Muir Woods National Monument through improved visitor access while experiencing one of the last remaining old growth redwood forests in the San Francisco Bay Area

The Project supports Marin Conservation League to Preserve, Protect and Restore the Natural Assets of Marin County. We have full confidence that the Parks Conservancy, California State Parks, and the National Park Service will effectively implement this project.

Sincerely,

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Terri Thomas  
President

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Marin Conservation League was founded in 1934 to preserve, protect and enhance the natural assets of Marin County.