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Dear Coastal Commissioners and Staff-

I am writing to support the granting of a consistency determination to the NOAA Restoration Center for a ten year continuation of the Community-based Restoration Program for habitat restoration and conservation projects supporting threatened and endangered salmonids and freshwater, marine and estuarine species and habitats. The program has been extremely beneficial for several restoration projects which the Coastal Conservancy collaborated on with NOAA and other partners, including South Jacoby Creek Restoration, Martin Slough Tidegate Replacement, which involved replacement of a traditional tidegate with a muted tidal regulator that supports significant tidal marsh habitat upstream, and Wood Creek Restoration Phase II. All of these projects moved forward more quickly with less expense because of the expedited permitting framework provided by the consistency determination program. NOAA RC provided excellent project review and support, ensuring that these projects met the CD requirements and providing design review and help with monitoring for the projects.

Continuation of the CD program will further the State's Cutting Green Tape initiative and facilitate the implementation of additional habitat restoration and enhancement projects that are urgently needed.

Regards,

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Re: Renewal of Federal Consistency Determination by the NOAA Restoration Center for its Community-based Restoration Program on the North and Central Coast

Dear Coastal Commissioners:

The City of Arcata would like to express its strong support for the renewal of the federal consistency determination made by the NOAA Restoration Center for its Community-based Restoration Program (CRP) on the North and Central Coast. The CRP supports collaborative habitat restoration projects and encourages diverse community involvement in project design and implementation. These habitat restoration projects benefit a range of coastal resources, including streams, floodplains, wetlands, and estuaries, providing populations of threatened and endangered salmon and steelhead better conditions for spawning, rearing and migration.

For more than 40 years, the City has partnered with landowners, community organizations, restoration scientists and regulatory agencies to plan, design and implement habitat restoration projects in and around the City of Arcata. Having the consistency determination in place has helped us streamline the permitting process and use grant funding more efficiently to enhance and restore coastal habitats. A recent example of a project that benefitted from the consistency determination was the South Jacoby Creek Restoration and Enhancement Project.

We hope to see more habitat restoration projects implemented in the coming years to improve coastal resources in our area. Renewal of NOAA Restoration Center's federal consistency determination is an appropriate and effective way to facilitate project implementation while helping to ensure the highest levels of resource protection in the Coastal Zone.

We urge your concurrence with the NOAA Restoration Center's decision.

Sincerely,



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Re: Renewal of Federal Consistency Determination by the NOAA Restoration Center for its Community-based Restoration Program on the North and Central Coast

Dear Coastal Commissioners:

The Sonoma Resource Conservation District (RCD) would like to express its strong support for the renewal of the federal consistency determination made by the NOAA Restoration Center for its Community-based Restoration Program (CRP) on the North and Central Coast. The CRP supports collaborative habitat restoration projects and encourages diverse community involvement in project design and implementation. These habitat restoration projects benefit a range of coastal resources, including streams, floodplains, wetlands and estuaries, providing populations of threatened and endangered salmon and steelhead better conditions for spawning, rearing and migration.

For more than over 75 years, the Sonoma RCD has partnered with landowners, community organizations, restoration scientists and regulatory agencies to plan, design and implement habitat restoration projects in Sonoma County. Our work has resulted in improved water quality, streamflow habitat for threatened and endangered fish, and more. Having the consistency determination in place has helped us accomplish natural resource benefits in a timely and cost-effective manner.

We hope to see more habitat restoration projects implemented in the coming years to improve coastal resources in our area. Renewal of NOAA RC's federal consistency determination is an appropriate and effective way to facilitate project implementation while helping to ensure the highest levels of resource protection in the Coastal Zone.

We urge your concurrence with the NOAA RC's decision.

Sincerely,

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Re: Renewal of Federal Consistency Determination by the NOAA Restoration Center for its
Community-based Restoration Program on the North and Central Coast

Dear Coastal Commissioners:

The Humboldt County Resource Conservation District is extremely supportive to renew the federal consistency determination for the NOAA Restoration Center's Community-based Restoration Program (CRP) on the North and Central Coast. The HCRCDD has had the pleasure to work with the CRP on collaborative habitat restoration projects which benefit a range of coastal resources, including streams, floodplains, wetlands and estuaries, populations of threatened and endangered salmonids.

For more than 30 years, the HCRCDD has partnered with landowners, community organizations, and state and federal agencies to plan, design and implement habitat restoration projects in Humboldt County. The HCRCDD has successfully completed, and are currently involved in, multiple implementation projects to restore ecosystems, recover river and creek channels, remove fish barriers, reduce sediment delivery to local tributaries, and reestablish riparian and wetland corridors.

Renewal of NOAA's federal consistency determination is an essential and effective way to facilitate project implementation while helping to ensure the highest levels of resource protection in the Coastal Zone. Therefore, we strongly encourage the CA Coastal Commission to renew NOAA's Northern-Central California Coast CA Coastal Commission Consistency determination.

Sincerely,

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Re: Renewal of Federal Consistency Determination by the NOAA Restoration Center for its Community-based Restoration Program on the North and Central Coast

Dear Coastal Commissioners:

The Pacific Coast Fish, Wildlife and Wetlands Restoration Association (a nonprofit organization) would like take this opportunity to express its strong support for the proposed renewal of the federal consistency determination made by the NOAA Restoration Center for its Community-based Restoration Program (CRP) on the North and Central Coast. Like our organization, the CRP supports collaborative habitat restoration projects and encourages diverse community involvement in project design and implementation. These habitat restoration projects benefit a range of coastal resources, including streams, floodplains, wetlands and estuaries, providing populations of threatened and endangered salmon and steelhead better conditions for spawning, rearing and migration. These efforts also support and protect natural resource based economies throughout the coastal region.

Our nonprofit organization has been implementing fish and wildlife habitat restoration and protection projects across the North Coast since 1991. For over 30 years, the Pacific Coast Fish, Wildlife and Wetlands Restoration has partnered with numerous public and private landowners, Native American Tribes, community organizations, restoration scientists and regulatory agencies to plan, design and implement habitat restoration projects in Humboldt, Del Norte and Mendocino Counties. Our work has resulted in reduction of road related sediment delivery in coastal watersheds that well exceeds a million cubic yards in volume prevented from delivery to salmon bearing streams. Other types of projects have restored fish passage to high quality habitat in both stream and tidal estuary habitat. The use of the NOAA Restoration Center's consistency determination has allowed us to complete several projects in a much more timely and cost effective manner than would have been available otherwise.

We hope to see more habitat restoration projects that we are now in the planning and design phase of being implemented in the coming years to improve coastal resources in our area. Renewal of NOAA RC's

federal consistency determination is in our opinion an appropriate and most cost effective way to facilitate project implementation while also ensuring the highest levels of resource protection in the Coastal Zone.

We respectfully urge your concurrence with the NOAA RC's decision.

Sincerely,



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Re: Renewal of Federal Consistency Determination by the NOAA Restoration Center for its Community-based Restoration Program on the North and Central Coast

Dear Coastal Commissioners:

Smith River Alliance would like to express its strong support for the renewal of the federal consistency determination made by the NOAA Restoration Center for its Community-based Restoration Program (CRP) on the North and Central Coast. The CRP supports collaborative habitat restoration and permitting efficiencies necessary to accelerate the pace and scale of habitat restoration in California. Without the CRP many restoration projects which benefit a range of coastal resources would take longer to implement. Delaying actions needed to support the recovery of threatened and endangered salmon and steelhead.

For more than 10 years, Smith River Alliance has partnered with NOAA's CRP, landowners, community organizations, restoration scientists and regulatory agencies to plan, design and implement habitat restoration projects on the Smith River Plain in Del Norte County. Having the consistency determination in place has helped ensure there is an efficient and effective permit for restoration projects that are located in coastal areas and outside of the Local Coastal Program's jurisdiction.

We hope to see more habitat restoration projects implemented in the coming years to improve coastal resources in our area. Renewal of NOAA RC's federal consistency determination is an appropriate and effective way to facilitate project implementation while helping to ensure the highest levels of resource protection in the Coastal Zone.

We urge your concurrence with the NOAA RC's decision.

Sincerely,



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Re: Renewal of Federal Consistency Determination by the NOAA Restoration Center for its Community-based Restoration Program on the North and Central Coast

Dear Chair Brownsey and Commissioners:

The Nature Conservancy (TNC) is writing to express our strong support for the NOAA Restoration Center's federal consistency determination renewal request for its Community-Based Restoration Program (CRP) on the North and Central Coast. The CRP supports collaborative habitat restoration projects and encourages diverse community involvement in project design and implementation. These habitat restoration projects benefit a range of coastal resources, including streams, floodplains, wetlands and estuaries, providing populations of threatened and endangered salmon and steelhead better conditions for spawning, rearing and migration.

The Nature Conservancy is a science-based organization that works throughout the world to deliver conservation solutions that benefit both people and nature. As our mission is to conserve lands and waters upon which all life depends, TNC has applied deep technical expertise, tools, and resources in conservation science expressly to conserve biodiversity. For more than 20 years, TNC has partnered with landowners, community organizations, technical experts, private contractors and regulatory agencies to plan, design and implement habitat restoration projects across California. Our numerous habitat restoration projects support biodiversity and provide ecosystem services with critical benefits for people including floodplain connectivity, groundwater recharge, carbon sequestration, and wildfire risk reduction.

TNC has implemented habitat restoration projects in nearly every coastal county in Northern and Central California. Recently, our coastal salmon

restoration work has focused primarily on Mendocino County and has resulted in an array of floodplain, estuary, and riparian restoration projects as well as instream flow enhancement projects. Having the consistency determination in place has directly helped us implement three floodplain restoration projects in the lower Ten Mile River watershed and one large-scale estuary restoration project in the Garcia River watershed in just the last five years. We have several more projects in the planning phase, all of which rely on the consistency determination to help move them from concept to construction as quickly and efficiently as possible.

NOAA Restoration Center's federal consistency determination is a critical tool in increasing the pace and scale of restoration in California. Furthermore, renewal of the consistency determination is in alignment with California's Cutting the Green Tape initiative, which is designed to allow ecological restoration and stewardship to occur more quickly, simply, and cost-effectively by streamlining and improving government processes. Amidst climate change and global biodiversity loss, habitat restoration and conservation are more critical than ever. Without the NOAA Restoration Center's consistency determination, the pace of restoration along the coast of North and Central California would be significantly slowed, hampering California's ongoing Cutting the Green Tape efforts.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on this important matter. TNC urges your concurrence with the NOAA Restoration Center's decision. We hope to see many more habitat restoration projects implemented in the coming years to further improve coastal resources in Northern and Central California. Renewal of NOAA Restoration Center's federal consistency determination is critical to facilitating streamlined and cost-effective implementation of coastal restoration projects, which will help to ensure the highest levels of resource protection in the Coastal Zone and achieve the State's restoration and biodiversity goals.

Sincerely,

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Dec. 8, 2022

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Re: Renewal of Federal Consistency Determination for the NOAA Restoration Center's Community-based Restoration Program on the North and Central Coast (CD-0006-22)

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing on behalf of Humboldt Baykeeper to express strong support for the ten-year continuation of the NOAA Restoration Center's Community-based Restoration Program (CRP) on the North and Central Coast (agenda item F9a-12-2022). Humboldt Baykeeper works to safeguard coastal resources for the health, enjoyment, and economic strength of the Humboldt Bay community through education, scientific research, and enforcement of laws to fight pollution.

The CRP supports habitat restoration and conservation projects that are critical to dwindling populations of threatened and endangered salmonids and freshwater, marine and estuarine species and habitats. The CRP encourages diverse community involvement in projects that benefit a range of coastal resources, including streams, floodplains, wetlands and estuaries, providing populations of threatened and endangered salmon and steelhead better conditions for spawning, rearing and migration.

We strongly support the staff recommendation of concurrence for this important work, and we hope you will, too. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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GHD works with a diverse spectrum of agencies and NGOs to advance restoration efforts in the Coastal Zone statewide. Through our regulatory compliance practice, I have found the consistency determination streamlines the permitting pathway for restoration projects, saving our clients money on consulting fees and reducing the timeline associated with regulatory approvals. As these restoration projects are always funded by public monies, these costs and timeline efficiencies have substantial merit to advancing critical restoration projects statewide.

GHD hopes to see more habitat restoration projects implemented in the coming years to improve coastal resources in California. Renewal of NOAA RC's federal consistency determination is an appropriate and effective way to facilitate project implementation while helping to ensure the highest levels of resource protection in the Coastal Zone. I urge your concurrence with the NOAA RC's decision.

Regards

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