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TO: Judy Arnold, President
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FROM: Steve Kinsey

RE: Letter to Caltrans supporting mitigation of impacts on Red Legged Frog at the 101 Novato Narrows project via acquisition of a conservation easement at Lawson's Landing.

Dear Colleagues,

Please join me in authorizing our board president to sign the attached letter to Caltrans regarding acquisition of a conservation easement at Lawson's Landing.

Lawson's Landing has been established as a very appropriate site for mitigation of impacts on Red Legged Frogs at the 101 Novato Narrows project by the US Fish and Wildlife Service because of the high quality habitat and documents presence of Red Legged Frogs at the Landing.

As you will recall, our board approved a greatly modified operation at Lawson's Landing in the recent past, providing much greater environmental protections while also reducing the scale of the camping and improving infrastructure on the property. The improvements on the property come at high cost and the reduction of camping reduces income for the business. The acquisition of this easement will help the Lawson family to fund the required changes, while also providing high quality habitat for frogs which will be protected in perpetuity. I believe that this is a win-win opportunity, one that will also help to sustain one of the few remaining low-cost recreational opportunities along California's coast.

Sincerely,

Steve Kinsey
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