Letters in Support of the

**Lower Walnut Creek Restoration Project**

for the

**2018 SFBRA Measure AA Grant Program**

1. Congressman Mike Thompson
2. John Muir Land Trust
3. San Francisco Estuary Institute (SFEI)
4. California Department of Fish and Wildlife
5. East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD)
6. American Rivers
7. Save Mount Diablo
8. Walnut Creek Watershed Council
9. Friends of San Ramon Creek
10. Friends of Pleasant Hill Creeks
11. Friends of the Creeks
12. Conco
13. Central Contra Costa Sanitary District (CCCSD)
14. Marathon (previously Tesoro)
November 20, 2018

Mr. Dave Pine  
Chairman  
San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority  
1515 Clay Street, 10th Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612-1401

Dear Chairman Pine:

I am writing to request that you give full and fair consideration to the application from Contra Costa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District’s Lower Walnut Creek Restoration project. It would expand tidal wetlands along four miles of Walnut and Pacheco Creeks. Walnut Creek is the largest creek in Contra Costa County and drains the 150 square mile Walnut Creek Watershed directly to Suisun Bay. The portion of Walnut Creek in the project area is home to Chinook salmon, Ridgway’s rail, black rail, and salt marsh harvest mouse.

It is my understanding that the Lower Walnut Creek Restoration project will reconnect the creek to its historic floodplain, improve habitat values to near historic conditions, provide needed opportunities for recreation, and build critical sea level rise resiliency. Planning is complete and design and permitting tasks are in progress and fully funded. My office has been notified that the project is on schedule for a summer 2020 construction.

I urge you full and fair consideration to the Lower Walnut Creek Restoration Project.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

MIKE THOMPSON  
Member of Congress
November 20, 2018

Chairman Dave Pine
San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority
1515 Clay Street, 10th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612-1401

Re: Support for CCC Flood Control and Water Conservation District’s Lower Walnut Creek Restoration Project and Application to the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority Measure AA Grant Program

Dear Chairman Pine:

As a vitally interested organization working closely with the Contra Costa County Flood Control District, East Bay Regional Park District, City of Martinez and important industrial partners toward the restoration and permanent preservation of Pacheco Marsh in the Lower Walnut Creek Channel, John Muir Land Trust enthusiastically supports the CCC Flood Control and Water Conservation District’s Lower Walnut Creek Restoration project to expand tidal wetlands along four miles of Walnut and Pacheco Creeks, and for their application for the Measure AA grant funding. Walnut Creek is an important natural resource that flows through the communities of Walnut Creek, Concord, Pleasant Hill, and Pacheco to the Suisun Bay. It is the largest creek in Contra Costa County and drains the 150 square mile Walnut Creek Watershed. The portion of Walnut Creek in the project area is home to Chinook salmon, Ridgway’s rail, black rail, and salt marsh harvest mouse.

The Lower Walnut Creek Restoration project will reconnect the creek to its historic floodplain, improve habitat values to near historic conditions, provide needed opportunities for recreation, and build critical sea level rise resiliency. Planning is complete and design and permitting tasks are in progress and fully funded. As such, Measure AA funding will go directly to implementation of the preferred alternative of the north and south reaches described in the District’s December 2017 Project Study Report. The project is on schedule for a summer 2020 construction.

John Muir Land Trust strongly supports this worthwhile project and recommends Measure AA implementation funding be provided to the Lower Walnut Creek Restoration Project.

Very truly yours,

Linus Eukel
Executive Director

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November 20, 2018

Chairman Dave Pine
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Re: Support for CCC Flood Control and Water Conservation District’s Lower Walnut Creek Restoration Project and Application to the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority Measure AA Grant Program

Dear Chairman Pine:

As the Executive Director of the San Francisco Estuary Institute, I would like to express SFEI’s support for the CCC Flood Control and Water Conservation District’s project to expand tidal wetlands along four miles of Walnut and Pacheco Creeks, and for their application for Measure AA grant funding.

Walnut Creek is an important natural resource that flows through the communities of Walnut Creek, Concord, Pleasant Hill, and Pacheco before emptying into Suisun Bay. It is the largest creek in Contra Costa County, draining a 150 square mile watershed. The portion of Walnut Creek in the project area is home to Chinook salmon, Ridgway’s rail, black rail, and salt marsh harvest mouse.

From 2012-2016, SFEI had the pleasure of working with the District on an EPA-funded project called Flood Control 2.0. The overall goal of Flood Control 2.0 was to develop tools for helping managers integrate habitat restoration into flood risk management at the Bay edge, thereby creating landscapes that benefit both people and wildlife. During a November 2015 Flood Control 2.0 workshop, the District, SFEI, a team of regional science advisors, and other partners worked together to develop a vision for lower Walnut Creek made up of multi-benefit management actions that restore tidal habitat that will be resilient under climate change. During the workshop, the group discussed the importance of restoring tidal habitat where possible along lower Walnut Creek and determined the area has strong potential for restoring tidal wetland habitat as well as tidal-terrestrial transition zone habitat (both along the edge of the new set-back levee and on the old levee “islands”) that will be vital for inland marsh migration as sea level rises.

The District’s Lower Walnut Creek Restoration project will implement many of the recommended actions from the Flood Control 2.0 workshop, including connecting the creek to its historic floodplain, improving habitat values to near historic conditions, providing opportunities for recreation, and building critical sea level rise resiliency. Planning is complete and design and permitting tasks are in progress and fully funded. As such, Measure AA funding will go directly to implementation of the preferred alternative of the north and south reaches described in the District’s December 2017 Project Study Report. The project is on schedule for a summer 2020 construction.
We urge you to support this worthwhile project and recommend Measure AA implementation funding be provided to the Lower Walnut Creek Restoration Project. Feel free to contact me at warnerc@sfei.org for further information.

Sincerely,

Warner Chabot
Executive Director
November 19, 2018

Chairman Dave Pine  
San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority  
1515 Clay Street, 10th Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612-1401

Dear Chairman Pine:

Subject: Letter of Support for Contra Costa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District's Lower Walnut Creek Restoration Project and Application to the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority Measure AA Grant Program

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) would like to express support for the Contra Costa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District's (District) Lower Walnut Creek Restoration Project (Project), and for their application for the Measure AA grant funding. The Project will expand tidal wetlands along four miles of Walnut and Pacheco creeks. Approximately 250 acres of tidal marsh, 41 acres non-tidal wetlands, 18 acres tidal waters, 3 acres non-tidal waters, and 91 acres of transitional and upland areas will be restored or enhanced. Walnut Creek is the largest creek in Contra Costa County and drains the 150-square mile Walnut Creek Watershed directly to Suisun Bay. The portion of Walnut Creek in the Project area is home to Ridgway’s rail (*Rallus obsoletus obsoletus*), black rail (*Laterallus jamaicensis coturniculus*), and salt-marsh harvest mouse (*Reithrodontomys raviventris*).

The Lower Walnut Creek Restoration Project will reconnect the creek to its historic floodplain, improve habitat values to near historic conditions, provide needed opportunities for recreation, and build critical sea level rise resiliency. Completion of design and permitting tasks is in progress and fully funded. Measure AA funding will go directly to the implementation of the north and south reach alternatives described in the District’s December 2017 *Project Study Report*. The Project is on schedule for a summer 2020 construction.

CDFW urges you to support this worthwhile Project and recommends Measure AA implementation funding be provided to the Lower Walnut Creek Restoration Project.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Steven Rodriguez, Environmental Scientist, at (707) 944-5521 or Steven.Rodriguez@wildlife.ca.gov; or Ms. Sakura Evans, Senior Environmental Scientist (Supervisory), at (707) 428-2018 or Sakura.Evans@wildlife.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Eric Larson  
Environmental Program Manager  
Bay Delta Region

*Conserving California's Wildlife Since 1870*
November 15, 2018

Chairman Dave Pine
San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority
1515 Clay Street, 10th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612-1401

Re: Support for CCC Flood Control and Water Conservation District’s Lower Walnut Creek Restoration Project and Application to the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority Measure AA Grant Program

Dear Chairman Pine:

The East Bay Regional Park District would like to express our support for the CCC Flood Control and Water Conservation District’s Lower Walnut Creek Restoration project to expand tidal wetlands along four miles of Walnut and Pacheco Creeks, and for their application for the Measure AA grant funding. Walnut Creek is the largest creek in Contra Costa County and drains the 150-square mile Walnut Creek Watershed directly to Suisun Bay. The portion of Walnut Creek in the project area is home to Chinook salmon, Ridgway’s rail, black rail, and salt marsh harvest mouse.

The Lower Walnut Creek Restoration project will reconnect the creek to its historic floodplain, improve habitat values to near historic conditions, provide needed opportunities for recreation, and build critical sea level rise resiliency. Planning is complete, and design and permitting tasks are in progress and fully funded. As such, Measure AA funding will go directly to implementation of the preferred alternative of the north and south reaches described in the District’s December 2017 Project Study Report. The project is on schedule for a summer 2020 construction.

We urge you to support this worthwhile project and recommend Measure AA implementation funding be provided to the Lower Walnut Creek Restoration Project. Feel free to contact me at bdoyle@ebparks.org for further information.

Sincerely,

Robert E. Doyle
General Manager

Cc: Supervisor John Gioia
EBRPD Director Beverly Lane
EBRPD Deputy General Manager Dr. Ana Alvarez
EBRPD Government Affairs Manager Erich Pfuehler
EBRPD Trails Development Manager Sean Dougan
November 12, 2018

Chairman Dave Pine
San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority
1515 Clay Street, 10th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612-1401

Re: Support for CCC Flood Control and Water Conservation District’s Lower Walnut Creek Restoration Project and Application to the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority Measure AA Grant Program

Dear Chairman Pine:

American Rivers would like to express our support for the CCC Flood Control and Water Conservation District’s Lower Walnut Creek Restoration project to expand tidal wetlands along four miles of Walnut and Pacheco Creeks, and for their application for the Measure AA grant funding. Walnut Creek is the largest creek in Contra Costa County and drains the 150 square mile Walnut Creek Watershed directly to Suisun Bay. The portion of Walnut Creek in the project area is home to Chinook salmon, Ridgway’s rail, black rail, and salt marsh harvest mouse.

The Lower Walnut Creek Restoration project will reconnect the creek to its historic floodplain, improve habitat values to near historic conditions, provide needed opportunities for recreation, and build critical sea level rise resiliency. Planning is complete and design and permitting tasks are in progress and fully funded. As such, Measure AA funding will go directly to implementation of the preferred alternative of the north and south reaches described in the District’s December 2017 Project Study Report. The project is on schedule for a summer 2020 construction.

We have been working closely with the District on projects in nearby Marsh Creek. We urge you to support this worthwhile project and recommend Measure AA implementation funding be provided to the Lower Walnut Creek Restoration Project. Feel free to contact me at jcain@americanrivers.org for further information.

Sincerely,

John Cain
Director of Conservation for California Flood Management
November 9th, 2018

Chairman Dave Pine
San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority
1515 Clay St., 10th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

RE: Support for CCC Flood Control and Water Conservation District’s Lower Walnut Creek Restoration Project and Application to the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority Measure AA Grant Program

Dear Chairman Pine,

Save Mount Diablo (SMD) is a non-profit conservation organization founded in 1971 which acquires land for addition to parks on and around Mount Diablo and monitors land use planning which might affect protected lands. We build trails, restore habitat, and are involved in environmental education. In 1971 there was just one park on Mount Diablo totaling 6,778 acres; today there are almost 50 parks and preserves around Mount Diablo totaling 110,000 acres. We include more than 8,000 donors and supporters.

We would like to express our support for the CCC Flood Control and Water Conservation District’s Lower Walnut Creek Restoration project to expand tidal wetlands along four miles of Walnut and Pacheco Creeks, and for their application for the Measure AA grant funding. Walnut Creek is the largest creek in Contra Costa County and drains the 150 square mile Walnut Creek Watershed, part of which includes the western slopes of Mount Diablo, directly to Suisun Bay. The portion of Walnut Creek in the project area is home to Chinook salmon, Ridgway’s rail, black rail, and salt marsh harvest mouse.

The Lower Walnut Creek Restoration project will reconnect the creek to its historic floodplain, improve habitat values to near historic conditions, provide needed opportunities for recreation, and build critical sea level rise resiliency. Planning is complete and design and permitting tasks are in progress and fully funded. As such, Measure AA funding will go directly to implementation of the preferred alternative of the north and south reaches described in the District’s December 2017 Project Study Report. The project is on schedule for a summer 2020 construction.

We urge you to support this worthwhile project and recommend Measure AA implementation funding be provided to the Lower Walnut Creek Restoration Project. Feel free to contact me at jpgalvan@savemountdiablo.org for further information.

Regards,

Juan Pablo Galván
Land Use Manager
November 19, 2018

Chairman Dave Pine  
San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority  
1515 Clay Street, 10th Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612-1401

Re: Support for CCC Flood Control and Water Conservation District’s Lower Walnut Creek Restoration Project and Application to the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority Measure AA Grant Program

Dear Chairman Pine:

As Chair of, and on behalf of, the Walnut Creek Watershed Council, I would like to express our support for the CCC Flood Control and Water Conservation District’s Lower Walnut Creek Restoration project to expand tidal wetlands along four miles of Walnut and Pacheco Creeks, and for their application for the Measure AA grant funding. Walnut Creek is the largest creek in Contra Costa County, and the 150 square mile Walnut Creek Watershed, which is the largest watershed in the County, flows directly into Suisun Bay. The portion of Walnut Creek in the project area is home to Chinook salmon, Ridgway’s rail, black rail, and the salt marsh harvest mouse. The Council is a voluntary stakeholder group that consists of the nine cities and towns in the watershed, the County, and the Friends groups in the watershed.

The Lower Walnut Creek Restoration project will reconnect the creek to its historic floodplain, improve habitat values, provide needed opportunities for recreation, and build critical sea level rise resiliency. The design and permitting tasks are in progress and fully funded. As such, Measure AA funding will go directly to implementation of the preferred alternative of the north and south reaches described in the District’s December 2017 Project Study Report. The project is on schedule for construction to begin in the summer of 2020.

The Walnut Creek Watershed Council urges you to support this worthwhile project and recommend Measure AA implementation funding be provided to the Lower Walnut Creek Restoration Project. Feel free to contact me at robertsimmons@astound.net for further information.

Sincerely,

Bob Simmons  
Council Chair, Walnut Creek Watershed Council  
robertsimmons@astound.net  
(925) 588-9914
Date November 7, 2018

Chairman Dave Pine  
San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority  
1515 Clay Street, 10th Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612-1401

Re: Support for CCC Flood Control and Water Conservation District’s Lower Walnut Creek Restoration Project and Application to the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority Measure AA Grant Program

Dear Chairman Pine:

The Friends of San Ramon Creek, a volunteer organization dedicated to teaching good stewardship along the largest of the tributaries of Walnut Creek, would like to express our support for the CCC Flood Control and Water Conservation District’s Lower Walnut Creek Restoration project to expand tidal wetlands along four miles of Walnut and Pacheco Creeks, and for their application for the Measure AA grant funding. Walnut Creek is the largest creek in Contra Costa County and drains the 150 square mile Walnut Creek Watershed directly to Suisun Bay. The portion of Walnut Creek in the project area is home to Chinook salmon, Ridgway’s rail, black rail, and salt marsh harvest mouse.

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I urge you to support this worthwhile project and recommend Measure AA implementation funding be provided to the Lower Walnut Creek Restoration Project. Feel free to contact me at (herondick@comcast.net) for further information.

Sincerely,

Dick Heron, PhD  
Volunteer, Friends of San Ramon Creek
November 20, 2018

Chairman Dave Pine
San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority
1515 Clay Street, 10th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612-1401

Re: Support for CCC Flood Control and Water Conservation District’s Lower Walnut Creek Restoration Project and Application to the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority Measure AA Grant Program

Dear Chairman Pine:

Friends of Pleasant Hill Creeks is a nonprofit community organization that works to protect and restore creeks in the Walnut Creek Watershed. We are writing to express our strong support for the CCC Flood Control and Water Conservation District’s Lower Walnut Creek Restoration project to expand tidal wetlands along four miles of Walnut and Pacheco Creeks, and for their application for the Measure AA grant funding.

Walnut Creek is the largest creek in Contra Costa County and drains the 150 square mile Walnut Creek Watershed directly to Suisun Bay. The portion of Walnut Creek in the project area is home to Chinook salmon, Ridgway’s rail, black rail, and salt marsh harvest mouse.

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We urge you to support this worthwhile project and recommend Measure AA implementation funding be provided to the Lower Walnut Creek Restoration Project. Please feel free to contact us at pleasanthillcreeks@gmail.com for further information.

Sincerely,

Heather Rosmarin
Co-Founder, Friends of Pleasant Hill Creeks
November 20, 2018

Chairman Dave Pine
San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority
1515 Clay Street, 10th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612-1401

Re: Support for CCC Flood Control and Water Conservation District’s Lower Walnut Creek Restoration Project and Application to the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority Measure AA Grant Program

Dear Chairman Pine:

Friends of the Creeks would like to express our support for the CCC Flood Control and Water Conservation District’s Lower Walnut Creek Restoration project to expand tidal wetlands along four miles of Walnut and Pacheco Creeks, and for their application for Measure AA grant funding. Walnut Creek is the largest creek in Contra Costa County and drains the 150 square mile Walnut Creek Watershed directly to Suisun Bay. The portion of Walnut Creek in the project area is home to Chinook salmon, Ridgway’s rail, black rail and salt marsh harvest mouse.

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We urge you to support this worthwhile project and recommend Measure AA implementation funding be provided to the Lower Walnut Creek Restoration Project. Feel free to contact me at ldhunt@astound.net for further information.

Sincerely,

Lesley Hunt, President
November 16, 2018

Chairman Dave Pine
San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority
1515 Clay Street, 10th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612-1401

Re: Support for CCC Flood Control and Water Conservation District’s Lower Walnut Creek Restoration Project and Application to the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority Measure AA Grant Program

Dear Chairman Pine:

Gonsalves & Santucci, Inc. (dba “Conco”) would like to express our support for the CCC Flood Control and Water Conservation District’s Lower Walnut Creek Restoration project to expand tidal wetlands along four miles of Walnut and Pacheco Creeks, and for their application for the Measure AA grant funding. Walnut Creek is the largest creek in Contra Costa County and drains the 150 square mile Walnut Creek Watershed directly to Suisun Bay. The portion of Walnut Creek in the project area is home to Chinook salmon, Ridgway’s rail, black rail, and salt marsh harvest mouse.

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I urge you to support this worthwhile project and recommend Measure AA implementation funding be provided to the Lower Walnut Creek Restoration Project. Feel free to contact me at jsostaric@conconow.com for further information.

Sincerely,

Joe Sostaric
Corporate Vice President
Gonsalves & Santucci, Inc. (dba Conco)
November 9, 2018

Chairman Dave Pine  
San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority  
1515 Clay Street, 10th Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612-1401

RE: SUPPORT FOR CONTRA COSTA COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT’S LOWER WALNUT CREEK RESTORATION PROJECT AND APPLICATION TO THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY RESTORATION AUTHORITY MEASURE AA GRANT PROGRAM

Dear Chairman Pine:

Central Contra Costa Sanitary District would like to express our support for the Contra Costa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District’s project to expand tidal wetlands along four miles of Walnut and Pacheco Creeks, and for their application for the Measure AA grant funding. As a local special district whose mission includes protecting the environment, the restoration of Walnut Creek aligns with our mission, particularly since it borders our treatment facilities and flows within our service area.

Walnut Creek is an important natural resource that flows through the communities of Walnut Creek, Concord, Pleasant Hill, and Pacheco to the Suisun Bay. It is the largest creek in Contra Costa County and drains to the 150 square mile Walnut Creek Watershed. The portion of Walnut Creek in the project area is home to Chinook salmon, Ridgway’s rail, black rail, and salt marsh harvest mouse.

The Lower Walnut Creek Restoration project will reconnect the creek to its historic floodplain, improve habitat values to near historic conditions, provide opportunities for recreation, and build critical sea level rise resiliency. Planning is complete, and design and permitting tasks are in progress and fully funded. As such, Measure AA funding will go directly to implementation of the preferred alternative of the north and south reaches described in the Contra Costa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District’s December 2017 Project Study Report. The project is on schedule for a summer 2020 construction.
We urge you to support this worthwhile project and recommend Measure AA implementation funding be provided to the Lower Walnut Creek Restoration Project. Feel free to contact me via email at rbailey@centralsan.org for further information.

Sincerely,

Roger S. Bailey  
General Manager  
Central Contra Costa Sanitary District

cc: Danea Gemmell, Central San, Planning & Development Services Division Manager
November 20, 2018

Chairman Dave Pine
San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority
1515 Clay Street, 10th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612-1401

Re: Support for CCC Flood Control and Water Conservation District’s Lower Walnut Creek Restoration Project and Application to the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority Measure AA Grant Program

Dear Chairman Pine:

The Marathon Petroleum Martinez Refinery would like to express our support for the CCC Flood Control and Water Conservation District’s Lower Walnut Creek Restoration project to expand tidal wetlands along four miles of Walnut and Pacheco Creeks, and for their application for the Measure AA grant funding. Walnut Creek is the largest creek in Contra Costa County and drains the 150-square mile Walnut Creek Watershed directly to Suisun Bay. The portion of Walnut Creek in the project area is home to species such as Chinook salmon, Ridgway’s rail, black rail, and the salt marsh harvest mouse.

The Lower Walnut Creek Restoration project will reconnect the creek to its historic floodplain, improve habitat values to near historic conditions, provide needed opportunities for recreation, and build critical sea level rise resiliency. Planning is complete and design and permitting tasks are in progress and fully funded. As such, Measure AA funding will go directly to implementation of the preferred alternative of the north and south reaches described in the District’s December 2017 Project Study Report. The project is on schedule for a summer 2020 construction.

I urge you to support this worthwhile project and recommend Measure AA implementation funding be provided to the Lower Walnut Creek Restoration Project. Feel free to contact me at PADeutsche@marathonpetroleum.com for further information.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Patty Deutsche
Director, Government & Public Affairs
Marathon Martinez Refinery
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Martinez, CA  94553