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SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION OF CHAIR TO SIGN LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR
APPOINTMENT OF GARY BALL TO STATE DEPARTMENT OF FISH & GAME FISHERIES
RESTORATION GRANT COMMITTEE

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the Chair to sign the attached letter of support for appointment of Gary Ball to the Fisheries Restoration Grant Program California Coastal Salmonid Restoration Grants Peer Review Committee as the Agricultural Industry representative on the committee.

DISCUSSION:

The Fisheries Restoration Grant Program California Coastal Salmonid Restoration Grants Peer Review Committee (PRC) is a State-level committee that provides direction to the Director of the State Department of Fish & Game on the allocation of grants for restoration of habitat for coastal Salmon and Steelhead. Supervisors Linda Parks and Steve Bennett have served as County Supervisor members of this committee.

There is great value to Ventura County property owners and agencies in assuring that local representation exists on the PRC. Annual grant proceeds from this committee can exceed \$20-million, and many local public and private projects have received funding. Locally and statewide, growers have sought funding for streambank stabilization, bridge/culvert replacement, and erosion control projects. County government has received funding for bridge replacement projects, and water agencies have received funding for fish passage projects.

Mr. Gary Ball is extremely well qualified to represent both our region and the agricultural industry. Adding to an impressive resume of educational and professional accomplishments and a long and broad history of farming in Ventura County, Mr. Ball was also chair of the County Resource Conservation District and is an expert in agricultural grading and erosion control, as well as an avid fly fisherman.



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Mr. Ball would make an outstanding representative of the agricultural industry, and be a valued asset to this committee and the Department. We encourage sending a letter of support from our Board to the Director of the Department of Fish & Game encouraging Mr. Ball's appointment.

Cordially,



Steve Bennett
Supervisor, First District



Kathy I. Long
Supervisor, Third District

Attachment- letter