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Mr. Doug Bosco, Chair
State Coastal Conservancy
1515 Clay Street, 10th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Re: Warren Ranch Conservation Easement Acquisition, San Luis Obispo County

Dear Mr. Bosco:

I am writing to encourage your support for the proposed Conservancy grant of up to \$910,000 to the Land Conservancy of San Luis Obispo County to acquire a conservation easement over the 736-acre Warren Ranch located in the upper San Simeon and Santa Rosa Creek watersheds.

Located above Cambria in unincorporated San Luis Obispo County, the proposed conservation easement will help to address the impacts of rural development that in recent decades has placed a heavy strain on our area's water supplies, impacted water quality, and threatened critical anadromous fish habitat. If approved the proposed grant would serve to protect in-stream flows and limit future water demand by prohibiting subdivision of the property and limit future water demand by prohibiting the intensification of agricultural operations, such as a conversion to vineyards.

Protecting water resources and aquatic habitat will also enhance regional climate resilience by permanently protecting habitat near the intersection of three important wildlife corridors extending from Carrizo Plain National Monument to southern Big Sur.

Thank you for considering this important conservation proposal in our region.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Karen Dean".

Karen Dean
Board President
Cambria Community Services District