



December 18, 2006

Mr. Gregg Manning, Chair
East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservation Plan Association (HCPA)
651 Pine Street, North Wing, 4th Floor
Martinez, CA 94533

Re: Final East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservation Plan / Natural Community
Conservation Plan (HCP/NCCP)

Mr. Manning;

Greenbelt Alliance is pleased to support the East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservation Plan / Natural Community Conservation Plan (HCP). The HCP is an important step toward protecting the environmental resources that make Contra Costa County a unique and wonderful place to live work and play. The HCP has the potential to provide an unprecedented level of certainty in the development permitting process while simultaneously ensuring that the species which now reside in East Contra Costa continue to do so in perpetuity.

Greenbelt Alliance supports the HCP due to its potential to provide a mechanism for comprehensive protection for species of concern in Contra Costa County. Greenbelt Alliance recognizes that although the HCP is well-crafted, the success of the plan depends upon its implementation. In addition, although the Plan does not purport to provide comprehensive mitigation for agricultural or other impacts, the HCP could be misconstrued as a vehicle for such mitigation in the future. Therefore, Greenbelt Alliance plans to monitor the implementation of the plan carefully, and looks forward to continuing to work closely with staff and other advocates.

The HCP will benefit Greenbelt Alliance's goal of protecting Contra Costa County's open space and improving the livability of its cities and towns. **Consequently, Greenbelt Alliance respectfully urges the approval of the Final East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservation Plan / Natural Community Conservation Plan.**

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Sincerely,

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