

Northern California Environmental Grassroots Fund
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We are writing in support of Coast Action Group's request for support from Northern California Environmental Grassroots Fund, a project of The Rose Foundation.

The Sonoma County Water Coalition (SCWC) has benefited from the fine work Coast Action Group (CAG) has accomplished over the last few years. CAG became a member of our coalition soon after our formation in early 2004 and has contributed actively to our work since that time.

As the chair of SCWC, an organization representing the combined 27,000 membership of 32 organizations, I can attest to our dependence upon the knowledge, expertise and experience of CAG.

CAG has guided our coalition through the maze of TMDL development and implementation, water use permitting and conservation, legislation, government appointments and general advocacy on water issues.

We know of few organizations that are able to consistently provide such knowledgeable and cost-effective advocacy.

Our work to safeguard the water resources of Sonoma County and to restore and preserve local aquatic habit areas would be severely constrained without continuing technical support and guidance from CAG.

We strongly support Coast Action Group's request for financial assistance.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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