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December 10, 2021

Ms. Keely Martin Bosler, Director
Department of Finance
Room 1145, State Capitol
Sacramento, California 95814

Dear Ms. Bosler:

In a letter dated December 3, 2021, you notified the Joint Legislative Budget Committee, pursuant to Provision 1 of Item 3760-490 of the *2018-19 Budget Act*, of a request from the State Coastal Conservancy (Conservancy) for approval to disburse \$6,235,262.50 General Fund – a portion of the \$11,669,900 in state grant funding that will be used by the City of Fullerton to acquire property in an area known as the West Coyote Hills in Orange County. These funds, along with \$3,899,187.50 from the Conservancy's Proposition 68 funds and \$1,535,450 in Proposition 1 funds from the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy will facilitate the acquisition of 13.7 acres referred to as Neighborhood 3.

According to the Conservancy, the West Coyote Hills is the largest remaining tract of undeveloped land in north Orange County and purchasing this property will ensure that this important ecosystem and watershed is protected from future development.

I have reviewed the request and concur that the Conservancy should be authorized to disburse the requested funding and I waive the remainder of the 30-day review period to ensure the transaction is completed by December 31, 2021.

Sincerely,



Nancy Skinner
Chair

cc: Members of the Joint Legislative Budget Committee