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**Subject: Letter of Support for Acquisition of Eel Rock Ranch by The Wildlands Conservancy**

Dear Chairman Bosco,

The Humboldt County Board of Supervisors is writing to express our support for The Wildlands Conservancy's (TWC) acquisition of Eel Rock Ranch, a 1,350-acre property located along the wild and scenic Eel River near Myers Flat in Humboldt County. This acquisition represents a unique opportunity to protect California's natural and cultural heritage while supporting the priorities of Humboldt County, including conservation, climate resilience, sustainable recreation, and local economic benefits.

The acquisition will:

- **Protect critical riparian and anadromous fish habitat**, supporting steelhead, and other aquatic native species.

- **Safeguard culturally significant sites** for the Bear River Band of the Rohnerville Rancheria, Round Valley Indian Tribes, and Wailaki communities, ensuring that these important resources are preserved for future generations.

- **Provide well-managed public access for recreation, education, and outdoor tourism**, including integration with the planned Great Redwood Trail, fostering local economic opportunities.

- **Strengthen climate and ecological resilience** by protecting critical ecological corridors and diverse habitats that support wildlife adaptation to a changing climate.

The Wildlands Conservancy has a long track record of protecting and stewarding California's natural landscapes, and this acquisition will ensure that Eel Rock Ranch remains a protected and accessible landscape for the benefit of local communities, wildlife, and the broader public. We fully support TWC's efforts and urge your consideration of any funding requests that will enable this important conservation project to move forward.

Sincerely,

Mike Wilson, Chair
Humboldt County Board of Supervisors