Contra Costa County Fish and Wildlife Committee

September 3, 2024

I am writing to you in regards to the Fish and Wildlife Propagation Fund grant for the John Muir Chapter of Trout Unlimited for the "Wildcat Creek Water Quality and Fish Habitat Monitoring Study" approved by the Board of Supervisors on February 27, 2024.

Although it is an integral part of our grant proposal as included under the *Project Schedule* as "Maintain and Replace Hobo Loggers...", we did not specifically indicate a cost for factory replacement of batteries as needed. These Hobo monitors are soon requiring battery replacement which can only be done by the manufacturer (Onset Computer Corporation) in Massachusetts. Battery replacement for all of our three monitoring units will cost \$849.88 including tax and shipping.

We are requesting that the Commission approve, without change in total funding, a modification to our budgeted expenses. With this approval we will utilize certain funds previously allocated for 1) Replacement DO sensor caps, 2) Shipping and 3) Miscellaneous supplies to enable us to replace batteries on our monitors thus allowing us to continue this project as previously approved.

In appreciation,

Richard Unger Treasurer, John Muir Trout Unlimited (losunger@pacbell.net)