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California Department of Parks and Recreation
715 P Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Support for Reel Guppy Outdoors Grant Application

Dear Department of Parks and Recreation,

I am pleased to provide this letter of support for the application submitted by Reel Guppy Outdoors for funding from the *Outdoor Equity Grants Program* to support their 'Oceans of Opportunity Cuesta Del Mar' project.

Reel Guppy Outdoors empowers and inspires local youth and families in the cities of Oxnard and Port Hueneme to be more impactful in the world through education and personal development. They teach local youth how to fish at our local pier and teach them about marine life. In addition, they provide field trips for youth and families to the Channel Islands National Park located off our coast as a way to learn about one of the many recreational and outdoor activities available in our county.

As the Fifth District County Supervisor that represents the cities of Port Hueneme and large portion of the City of Oxnard, I have seen first-hand how the Reel Guppy Outdoors have successfully collaborated on a variety of educational and recreational initiatives that have been incredibly impactful on many young lives in the community. I have heard firsthand from educators who can attest to the benefits of the program and how it has translated to the academic and personal development of their students.

Therefore, I respectfully request your full and fair consideration of the application submitted by Reel Guppy Outdoors for their Oceans of Opportunity Cuesta Del Mar Project and look forward to seeing their continued impact in our community.

Sincerely,

Vianey Lopez
Supervisor, Fifth District