

Attachment 13

Letters of Support or Opposition



San Diego Region Implementation Grant Proposal

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LETTERS OF SUPPORT

Letters of support for the San Diego Integrated Regional Water Management Step 2 Implementation Grant Proposal and the projects included in this proposal are attached.

LETTERS OF OPPOSITION

No letters of opposition have been received.

Letters of Support

San Diego Region Implementation Grant Application

January 21, 2008

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Nora Jaeschke

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RE: Letter of Support for the Over-Irrigation Grant

Dear Ms. Billington:

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in this very exciting water conservation effort to protect and improve water quality by reducing irrigation runoff into the San Elijo Lagoon. I understand this project also has the added benefit of conserving water by improving irrigation efficiency, thereby reducing the demand on imported water and increasing the supply for other uses.

We understand by participating in this Over-Irrigation Grant their will be incentives provided by the County Water Authority such as a complimentary Water Audit to diagnose where the areas of over-irrigation are occurring. Plus, we will retrofit our existing irrigation system with Weather Based Controllers provided by the Water Authority. By participating in this pilot project we expect to reduce our water usage which conversely saves money on a monthly basis.

San Diego County is a mediterranean environment that imports the majority of its water from the Colorado River and the Northern California. We should all do our part to conserve this precious resource and not waste it.

We understand the State of California has been working toward an Integrated Regional Approach to Water Supply, Conservation and Water Quality. This approach seems comprehensive and integrates water on all levels. We understand the process has been open and public and received years of input. We are pleased to be a participant in this Over-Irrigation Project.

Sincerely,

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OTHER REPRESENTATIVE

County of San Diego

RE: El Monte Valley Groundwater Recharge and River Restoration Project

Dear Ms. Billington:

I am writing on behalf of the San Diego County Water Authority in support of the Santee Water Reclamation Facility Expansion. The Water Authority, the San Diego region's public water wholesaler, works through its 24 member agencies to provide a safe, reliable water supply to three million people. One of our member agencies, the Padre Dam Municipal Water District, has applied to the Department of Water Resources for Proposition 50 grant funding for the Santee Water Reclamation project.

The expansion of the Santee Reclamation project offers multiple benefits in the areas of water supply and environmental restoration. It will be the source of recharge water for the El Monte Groundwater Basin. This highly treated recycled water from the expansion of Padre Dam's water reclamation plant will be recharged into a nearby groundwater basin. It will subsequently be withdrawn, by the Helix Water District providing a new, renewable water supply of up to 5,000 acre-feet per year for the region.

In conjunction, a habitat restoration project will be developed along an approximately two-mile stretch of the San Diego River. The water level of the groundwater basin will be raised to support the restored habitat. This project also will contribute significantly to the creation of a river restoration project along the San Diego River and meet objectives of habitat creation, water quality, education, and recreation.

We are hopeful that the Department of Water Resources will see the value of this project and will support the Santee Water Reclamation Facility Expansion Project. We look forward to seeing such a worthwhile endeavor take shape along the San Diego River in Lakeside.

Sincerely,

Maureen A. Stapleton
General Manager

c: Doug Wilson
General Manager, Padre Dam Municipal Water District
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RE: Expansion of the Santee Water Reclamation Facility

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing on behalf of the Vista Irrigation District. My agency has been a distributor of Recycled Water since 1990 and we are in full support of the Santee Water Reclamation Facility Expansion.

California's history revolves around the history of its water production and scarce water resources. Outstanding planning and engineering of our forefathers have made it possible for this state to flourish. Now, the forecasted effects of long-term climate change on San Diego County's primary water sources provide a clear imperative to San Diego County water agencies to increase our use of recycled water. The Santee Water Reclamation Facility Expansion will expand Padre Dam's Padre Dam's tertiary level, 2 MGD water recycling facility to 4 MGD in 2010, and to 10 MGD, advanced treatment level, in 2012.

Alone, this project will reduce San Diego County demand for imported water from the Delta and the Colorado River by 10 MGD. Or it will provide water for Helix Water District's El Monte Valley Groundwater Recharge and River Restoration Project, also submitted for Prop 50 funding, to produce 5,000 acre feet per year of new, drought-proof, potable water.

We hope the Department of Water Resources sees the permanent value of this project to San Diego County, as a new water supply that is badly needed, as an offset to San Diego's demand for State water, and as a model for similar projects here and throughout California.

Very truly yours,

John A. Amodeo
 General Manager and Chief Engineer
 Vista Irrigation District

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MAYOR JERRY SANDERS

January 22, 2008

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State Water Resources Control Board
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Dear Mr. Couch:

Subject: Letter of Support for City of San Diego IRWMP projects

I am pleased to provide a letter of support for the City of San Diego's (City) Integrated Regional Water Management Plan project proposals; Parklands Recycled Water Retrofit and Distribution System as well as the North City Recycled Water Distribution System Expansion Phase II. Both projects will bring recycled water to parklands and open space managed by the Park and Recreation Department for the benefit of our residents and visitors.

San Diego's Park and Recreation Department is responsible for overseeing 36,300 acres of developed and undeveloped open space, 337 parks including Balboa Park, Mission Trails Regional Park, and Mission Bay Park; 25 miles of shoreline from Sunset Cliffs to La Jolla; 13 pools that are open year-round; 3 public golf complexes and 51 recreation centers. Our employees and volunteers take great pride to enrich the lives of others through quality parks and programs, designed and developed so that people of all ages, abilities and income levels have the chance to participate in excellent recreational opportunities.

We are also committed to preserving our natural resources which is in keeping with the vision of the San Diego County's Integrated Regional Water Management Plan. Recycled water already serves a number of our open space areas and parklands as well as the world renowned Torrey Pines Golf Course, a municipal course.

Working with the City's Water Department we identified at least five parks and four open space projects that would benefit from the Parkland Retrofit & Distribution System project. By extending the recycled water distribution system to these properties and retrofitting the irrigation systems to accept recycled water we will save approximately 200 acre feet a year of potable water per year.



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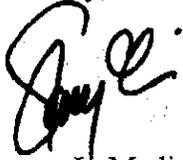
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Recycled water that will be conveyed through the North City Recycled Water Distribution System pipeline will ultimately reach parkland, landscaped medians and open space in the North coastal region of the City that were constructed with recycled water irrigation systems in anticipation of future delivery. The expansion of the recycled water system to this area will save an additional 1.8 million gallons a day of our region's drinking water supply.

San Diego County's lack of rainfall and adequate groundwater basins require the region to import 85% of its water supplies from Northern California and the Colorado River. It is of utmost importance that recycled water projects are funded as they support the region's efforts to develop a local water resource.

Please feel free to contact me at (619) 236-6643 if you desire any additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stacey LoMedico', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Stacey LoMedico
Park and Recreation Department Director

CB/jn

bc: Jennifer Casamassima, Recycled Water Program Manager, MS 906



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This project is of particular importance to Surfrider, as we have been involved with the IPR issue for over a decade, and it directly affects multiple areas within our Mission Statement. The implementation of IPR through reservoir augmentation will enable the region to maximize water reuse, thereby minimizing the negative environmental effects of our current water supply importation paradigm. In addition, every drop of treated sewage effluent that is beneficially reused results in an equivalent reduction in flows to the Point Loma Wastewater Treatment Facility (and ultimately the Pacific Ocean). Because the best science available supports IPR as a safe and environmentally friendly water supply option, as opposed to much more energy intensive options that result marine life impacts such as desalination, it should be given special attention during this funding phase. This specific request will help facilitate the eventual larger

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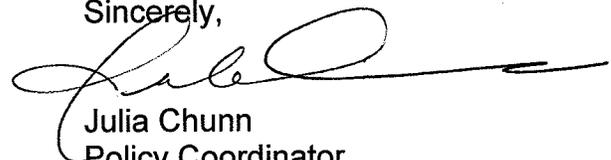
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Re: Santa Margarita Conjunctive Use Project
San Diego Interim Regional Water Management Plan

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the Fallbrook Public Utility District, I am writing to express our organization's support for the San Diego Interim Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP) in general and the Santa Margarita Conjunctive Use Project in general.

The Santa Margarita Conjunctive Use Project will provide 6500 acre feet per year of dependable local water to an area where agriculture, as a major industry in San Diego County, is threatened. Water deliveries to the \$1.5 billion farm industry are set to be cut by a minimum of 30% beginning January 1, 2008. The potential loss to the Fallbrook area is as much as \$67 million per year at this level of reduction.

Additionally, I would like to comment on the openness of the process through which the San Diego Interim Regional Water Management Plan was developed. We found the San Diego IRWMP process to be open and transparent, and the method of prioritizing and selecting projects well documented. Ample opportunity was afforded proponents for Round 2 consideration in the application process. The proposal contains a good mix of different project types and will provide benefits to all aspects of water resources management in our drought-plagued region.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,


Bert Hayden
President

/sjs

RESOLUTION NO. 4598

A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE SANTA MARGARITA CONJUNCTIVE
USE PROJECT PROPOSITION 50, ROUND 2 FUNDING APPLICATION

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WHEREAS, the United States Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton and the Fallbrook Public Utility District have proposed the Santa Margarita Conjunctive Use Project, and,

WHEREAS, pre-feasibility studies are complete, and,

WHEREAS, a joint Environmental Impact Review/Environmental Impact Report contract has been awarded to the Environmental company TEC, and,

WHEREAS, the United States Bureau of Reclamation has undertaken feasibility level engineering studies, and,

WHEREAS, the Santa Margarita Conjunctive Use Project will generate 6,500 acre feet per year of new water in north San Diego County and has the potential to generate 8,500 acre feet per year, in drought-prone Southern California, and,

WHEREAS, the Santa Margarita Conjunctive Use Project will conserve up to 1,380 acres of native habitat including 253 riparian acres along the last free-flowing river in Southern California in perpetuity;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors of the Fallbrook Public Utility District ENDORSES THIS PROJECT BY WAY OF THIS RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE California Department of Water Resources and the State Water Resources Control Board fully fund the San Diego Integrated Regional Water Management Plan fully, including construction grant funding for the Santa Margarita Conjunctive Use Project.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Fallbrook Public Utility District at a regular meeting of the Board held on the 10th day of December, 2007, by the following vote:

AYES: Battle, Davies, Gebhart, Hayden, McDougal
NOES: None
ABSENT: None



President, Board of Directors

ATTEST:



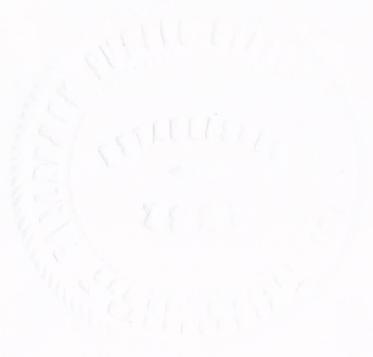
Secretary, Board of Directors

I, RUTH ALLEN, Secretary of the Board of Directors of the FALLBROOK PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT, do hereby certify that the attached and foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of Resolution No. 4598 of said Board adopted at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors on December 10, 2007.

Date: 12/12/07



Secretary, Board of Directors
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September 13, 2007

California Coastal Commission
Attention: Chairman Pat Kruer
45 Fremont Street, Suite 2000
San Francisco, CA 94105

Dear Commissioners:

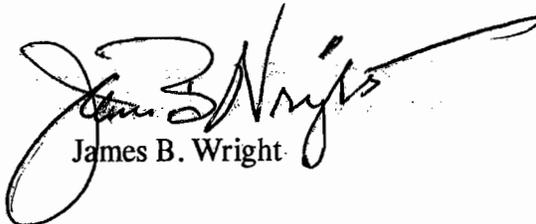
As a retired engineer with significant experience in water desalination and a Carlsbad resident, I'm writing you regarding the proposed Carlsbad desalination project. I understand that the Commission will be evaluating this project in November and voting on whether or not to issue a coastal development permit. I am a strong supporter of the desalination plant and I urge you to vote in favor of granting the permit.

My home is located in the Aviara neighborhood of Carlsbad, near the Four Seasons Hotel and immediately south of the Agua Hedionda Lagoon. I truly appreciate living in such a beautiful city and frequently enjoy trips to the nearby beach and lagoon recreation areas. I understand that the Carlsbad Desalination Project will become the main caretaker for the lagoon in the event of the power plant's decommissioning and I am relieved that this regional jewel will not be abandoned or mismanaged.

I also am proud that our city has taken such a proactive stance in securing water for its residents. With an unlimited supply of ocean water, the Carlsbad desalination project will provide one of the few reliable, drought-proof supplies of drinking water for the county. The partnership between Poseidon Resources and Carlsbad means that our needs will be met at no additional costs or risks to us, the taxpayers. With the looming imported water supply cutbacks about to hit our region, the timing for this project couldn't be better. This is government planning at its finest.

I have spoken with many of my neighbors and we are all in agreement. The Carlsbad Desalination Project is good for Carlsbad and good for our entire region. Please approve this project.

Sincerely,


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Sea Cliff Homeowners Association

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June 18, 2007

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Subject: Carlsbad Desalination Project

Dear Members of the Commission:

I represent the residents of 300 homes which comprise the Sea Cliff community in Carlsbad, CA. Many of us have studied the plan for the Carlsbad Desalination Plant and are impressed with the potential value it will bring to Carlsbad and surrounding communities.

We strongly support the project.

Sea Cliff is a great place to live, in part, due to our close proximity to the coast in Carlsbad and also because of our common green area, with unique and beautiful landscaping and lakes. We deeply appreciate the importance of water for residential and irrigation purposes. We also commend the foresight of Carlsbad leaders to ensure our water supply, and offer such benefits to our neighbors, by constructing the Carlsbad Desalinization Plant.

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We strongly encourage you and your fellow Commissioners to approve this project as soon as possible.

Sincerely,


James D. Lang

President, Sea Cliff Homeowners Association

cc. Coastal Commission staff



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RE: SDIRWMP, South San Diego County Water Supply Strategy - SUPPORT

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The Otay Water District, City of San Diego, San Diego County Water Authority, and Sweetwater Authority are currently pursuing development of the South San Diego County Water Supply Strategy (Strategy). The Strategy would maximize the efficient use of local brackish water from the San Diego Formation (SDF), a natural underground aquifer that lies deep below the central and south San Diego Bay area. Implementation of the Strategy through an integrated suite of water supply, treatment, and brine conveyance disposal would reduce dependence on imported water, mitigate potential impacts of planned or emergency supply interruptions, and minimize supply and environmental impacts to imported water sources from the Colorado River and Bay-Delta.

Sweetwater Authority is requesting \$300,000 on behalf of the partners named above through the SDIRWMP for Phase III of the USGS San Diego Formation Hydrogeology Study, a key element of the Strategy. Reliable assessments currently estimate that the San Diego Formation holds upward of 1,000,000 acre-feet of water. Presently, the SDF produces about 4 million gallons per day (MGD) of desalinated brackish water and 2 MGD of potable well water within Sweetwater Authority's service area. The SDF is an extensive local water resource that has the potential to significantly supplement water supplies and reduce dependence on imported water through its efficient development and use. A carefully coordinated, high-quality scientific analysis of its potential is an important component of realizing larger, long-term water supply goals for the San Diego Region and Southern California.

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The letters reference the San Diego Region Four Reservoir Intertie Project "Feasibility Study" instead of the San Diego Region Four Reservoir Intertie Project Conceptual Design, the latter being the correct reference. Importantly, these projects are the same one, and the reference to a "feasibility study" is in error. Because of the submission deadline, we have chosen to submit these letters rather than inconvenience the senders to prepare a corrected set of letters of support.

Please be in touch if I may provide additional information.

Sincerely,
SWEETWATER AUTHORITY

Rick Alexander
Director of Environmental and Governmental Services

cc: Dennis Bostad – General Manager, Sweetwater Authority
Jim Barrett – Director, City of San Diego Water Department

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January 22, 2008

Mr. Scott Couch
State Water Resources Control Board
Division of Financial Assistance
1001 I Street, 16th Floor
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RE: SDIRWMP, South San Diego County Water Supply Strategy - SUPPORT

Dear Mr. Couch:

I am writing in support of funding for the South San Diego County Water Supply Strategy, an integrated, comprehensive, and coordinated water resource management approach that is included as part of the San Diego Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (SDIRWMP) submittal.

The Otay Water District, City of San Diego, San Diego County Water Authority, and Sweetwater Authority are currently pursuing development of the South San Diego County Water Supply Strategy (Strategy). The Strategy would maximize the efficient use of local brackish water from the San Diego Formation (SDF), a natural underground aquifer that lies deep below the central and south San Diego Bay area. Implementation of the Strategy through an integrated suite of water supply, treatment, and brine conveyance disposal would reduce dependence on imported water, mitigate potential impacts of planned or emergency supply interruptions, and minimize supply and environmental impacts to imported water sources from the Colorado River and Bay-Delta.

Sweetwater Authority is requesting \$300,000 on behalf of the partners named above through the SDIRWMP for Phase III of the USGS San Diego Formation Hydrogeology Study, a key element of the Strategy. Reliable assessments currently estimate that the San Diego Formation holds upward of 1,000,000 acre-feet of water. Presently, the SDF produces about 4 million gallons per day (MGD) of desalinated brackish water and 2 MGD of potable well water within Sweetwater Authority's service area. The SDF is an extensive local water resource that has the potential to significantly supplement water supplies and reduce dependence on imported water through its efficient development and use. A carefully coordinated, high-quality scientific analysis of its potential is an important component of realizing larger, long-term water supply goals for the San Diego Region and Southern California.

The SDIRWMP funding proposal contains a variety of excellent projects that will optimize water supply reliability, protect and enhance water quality, provide stewardship of natural resources, and coordinate and integrate water resource management in the San Diego Region. Thank you for your time and consideration of this important funding request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Denise Moreno Ducheny".

DENISE MORENO DUCHENY
State Senator, 40th District

cc: Dennis Bostad – General Manager, Sweetwater Authority

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November 16, 2007

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Ms. Tracie Billington
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Regarding: **Support: Helix Water District grant request for the El Monte Valley Groundwater Recharge and River Restoration Project**



Dear Ms. Billington and Mr. Couch,

The Endangered Habitats League (EHL) has been involved in developing and implementing regional conservation plans under the State NCCP program since 1991. As part of that effort, we have focused significant organizational resources towards the restoration of the San Diego River and the creation of the San Diego River Park. The River Park will make important contributions to the success of the NCCP through the restoration of the biological and hydrological functions of the river and consequently to numerous threatened and endangered species dependent upon the river system.

As a regional public amenity, the San Diego River Park will re-focus public attention on the river which holds many distinctions of state-wide significance including the site of the first European settlement in California, the first California Mission, and location of the state's first water project at Mission Trails Dam. The San Diego River Conservancy (<http://sdrca.gov/>), California's eighth state-chartered conservancy, was established in 2001 to "preserve, restore and enhance the San Diego River". Many ancillary benefits are accruing as a result of the effort including environmental education, recreation, improved water quality, habitat restoration, and importantly, enhanced public awareness. As an example of the latter, the San Diego River Coalition (<http://www.sandiegoriver.org/coalition.html>) represents over 50 community non-profit organizations working in partnership with government agencies to develop the San Diego River Park.

The El Monte Valley Groundwater Recharge and River Restoration Project will be focused near the middle of the 7-mile rural El Monte valley below El Capitan Reservoir. Linking an ambitious large-scale restoration project (see attached landscape plan) with a groundwater recharge program has been a joint effort of the Helix Water District and the Endangered Habitats League. Over two years of technical planning has shown that the projects are a natural fit and mutually beneficial to each other.

The formidable statewide problems of severe water shortages and loss of habitat for threatened and endangered species would be addressed through the recharge and restoration project. A renewable water supply of up to 5,000 acre-feet per year of new raw water would be made available to the region. Highly treated recycled water will be used to recharge the depleted El Monte Basin aquifer, which will support restored riparian and sycamore/oak woodland vegetation communities. The restored and biologically diverse ecosystem will in turn enhance the natural bioremediation functions of the river system.

We are hopeful that the Department of Water Resources appreciates the value of this project and will support the Helix Water District El Monte Valley Groundwater Recharge and River Restoration grant request.

Please contact us for any further information or details about this important endeavor.

Sincerely,

Michael Beck
San Diego Director

Attachment

cc: Mark Weston, General Manager Helix Water District
State Senator Christine Kehoe
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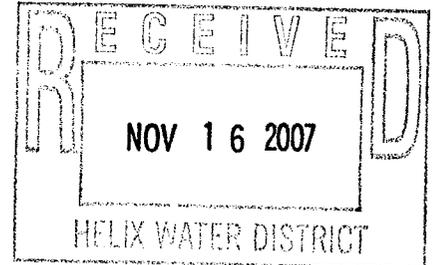
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November 15, 2007

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RE: El Monte Valley Groundwater Recharge and River Restoration Project

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of Lakeside's River Park Conservancy, I am writing in support of the El Monte Valley Groundwater Recharge and River Restoration Project. This project will make a significant contribution to provide a new renewable water supply of up to 5,000 acre-feet per year to the region.

This project will involve recharge of the El Monte Groundwater Basin using highly treated recycled water and subsequent withdrawal of the groundwater to deliver up to 5,000 acre-feet per year of new raw water. In conjunction, a habitat restoration project will be developed along an approximate 2-mile section of the San Diego River. The groundwater basin water level will be raised to support the restored habitat.

This project will also make a significant contribution to the creation of a River Restoration Project along the San Diego River and meet objectives of habitat creation, water quality, education, and recreation.

We are hopeful that the Department of Water Resources will see the value of this project and will support the El Monte Valley Groundwater Recharge and River Restoration Project.

We look forward to seeing such a worthwhile endeavor take shape along the San Diego River in Lakeside.

Sincerely,

Robin Rierdan
Executive Director

c: Mark Weston, General Manager
Helix Water District
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La Mesa, CA 91941



GOLDEN STATE FLYCASTERS & Trout Unlimited Chapter 920

Mr. Scott Couch
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November 16th, 2007

Dear Mr. Couch and Ms. Billington:

I am writing to support San Diego Coastkeeper's Watershed Monitoring Program and its application for Prop 50 funding for the project: San Diego Regional Water Quality Assessment and Outreach Project (#15).

This project will allow Coastkeeper to continue to develop useful water quality data for all eleven watersheds in our region. The data that are generated through this project are all collected and analyzed with an approved Quality Assurance Project Plan in place, and these data serve a variety of purposes. At the community level, the data empowers people to understand local water quality and how land use and non-point source pollution contribute to watershed degradation. At the regulatory level, the data complement other data sets and allows for a greater understanding of water quality trends, for the purpose of source water protection and TMDL development and implementation.

The Golden State Flycasters have been involved with San Diego Coastkeeper in the monthly monitoring of Escondido Creek since 2006. In addition to the water chemistry and bioassessment work that we have done, we are also exploring ways to address several of the water quality concerns in North County San Diego, by taking a tailored watershed-based approach. We have identified opportunities for collaboration on invasive species removal projects and data analysis to better understand spawning steelhead trout habitat in the context of creek and river restoration. This project would help us continue to collaborate to bring about improved water quality for these watersheds that are currently threatened yet harbor significant potential for population recovery.

This has been a productive partnership with San Diego Coastkeeper. We found the San Diego IRWMP process to be open and transparent, and the method for prioritizing and selecting projects well-documented. Moreover, the project engages its participants in activities that promote a broader understanding of watershed dynamics. San Diego Coastkeeper is uniquely positioned to mobilize a task force, train the participants to use water quality testing equipment in conformance

with stringent quality assurance requirements, and then integrate this local data into an region-wide data base that links multiple ecosystems.

I fully support San Diego Coastkeeper as a successful and proven leader in citizen-based water quality monitoring programs. Our partnership has significantly strengthened Golden State Flycasters' and the TU-San Diego chapter's conservation endeavors, and has in fact propelled our group into additional productive partnerships with regional land and resource managers. Prop 50 funding of this important work by San Diego Coastkeeper is essential for their continued success.

If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to call or e-mail me.

Sincerely,



Sandra Jacobson, Ph.D.
Conservation Coordinator and Former President (2006),
Golden State Flycasters, Trout Unlimited-San Diego Chapter 920
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Arnold Schwarzenegger
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November 20, 2007

Ms. Tracie Billington
Department of Water Resources
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Dear Ms. Billington:

SUBJECT: Prop 50 Integrated Regional Watershed Management Letter of Support on behalf of San Diego Coastkeeper

Since 1999 the Clean Water Team has assisted San Diego Coast Keeper (SDCK) with its watershed monitoring activities. The Clean Water Team shares with SDCK the belief that water monitoring is one of the best ways for the public to engage in watershed stewardship. SDCK offers opportunities that empower citizens and allows them engage in watershed stewardship. The Clean Water Team has seen SDCK create the means by which the public not only learns how to investigate issues of wetland habitats, water quality, pollution and environmental degradation but how to analyze and respond to the environmental data at hand.

SDCK's water monitoring activities meet scientific scrutiny and are comparable with other citizen monitoring efforts within the San Diego Region, including Riverside and Orange Counties. FoLAR's water monitoring has also been conducted under approved Quality Assurance Project Plans and has followed procedures to be comparable with the State Water Resources Control Board's Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program. These actions will allow their data to be used along with data from others, to address concerns and measure outcomes as outlined within the San Diego IRWMP.

The San Diego IRWMP relies on transparency and has sought input from an array of water management stakeholders. Actions by the SDCK have long promoted this and the San Diego Region is benefited by their continued commitment to building a watershed-wise community. The Clean Water Team has seen this firsthand through our involvement with SDCK's watershed monitoring capacity building programs. These programs have expanded the number of people and groups able to contribute watershed data and measure environmental outcomes (TMDLs, BMP effectiveness, post fire watershed changes...).

California Environmental Protection Agency

SDCK's projects funded through this grant will greatly benefit the San Diego IRWMP and provide for wiser water usage, advancing water quality protection and improving water quality. The Clean Water Team's services (technical support, training...) will continue to be available to SDCK and assist any of their water monitoring effort's funded through this Proposition 50 Integrated Regional Water Management Grant. These services are free and will complement the grant funded projects.

Sincerely,



Erick Burres, Citizen Monitoring Coordinator
Division of Water Quality,
Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program
Clean Water Team



May 1, 2007

Ms. Robyn Badger
Zoological Society of San Diego
P.O. Box 120551
San Diego, CA 92112-0551

Dear Ms. Badger:

On behalf of the California Watershed Network, I am writing to endorse the Zoological Society of San Diego's Integrated Water Quality and Watershed Protection program at the San Diego Wild Animal Park, which is designed to improve water quality, enhance wetlands habitat, reduce water consumption, and provide community outreach.

The Integrated Water Quality and Watershed Protection program will enhance the Wild Animal Park's water systems by redeveloping riparian corridors, adding tertiary treatment to its existing plant, enhancing water circulation during dry seasons, and recovering runoff that flows into our local watersheds. The Park will showcase its newly developed waterways as a vehicle for community outreach and education, reaching more than 1.5 million visitors annually. It will be used to educate individuals about water conservation, wetlands habitat preservation, water reliability issues, and offer innovative ways for individuals of all ages to take an active role in local water conservation efforts.

The Zoological Society of San Diego's Integrated Water Quality and Watershed Protection program will play an important role in water conservation and education, not only in San Diego, but as an example worldwide. I strongly support this valuable effort.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kevin C. Ward". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kevin C. Ward

Board Member, California Watershed Network

November 26, 2007

Ms. Tracie Billington
Department of Water Resources
Division of Planning and Local Assistance
P.O. Box 942836
Sacramento, CA 94236-0001

Dear Ms. Tracie Billington:

Educational opportunities for the youth to learn about water and watershed conservation directly result in an environmentally aware generation that will conserve water and protect watershed habitats. The Zoological Society of San Diego's Biofiltration Wetland Creation and Education Program will provide these important learning experiences to youth of all ages. I will specifically benefit from this Program, as I am a Conservation Corps volunteer student at the San Diego Wild Animal Park.

Conservation Corps is a high school volunteer program where members interpret conservation issues to guests at eight stations around the Wild Animal Park. Although the stations address guests of all ages, they are designed to attract kids with fun, hands-on activities, games, and rewards like trading cards and stamps. When the stations hook the kids, the parents almost always follow. In this manner, Conservation Corps begins the development of ecologically friendly habits in kids as well as informs adults, who are the environment's biggest benefactors of the now.

The Conservation Corps' Watershed Station has a hands-on watershed model for guests. Using soy sauce as automobile oil, Kool-Aid as pesticide, and hot cocoa powder as sedimentary run-off, guests place the pollutants and watch the rain from the spray bottle guide the brown mess into the plaster streams, and eventually into the plaster lake. It is not unusual to hear "ew!" from the kids or to see the appalled faces of the parents. Similarly, a game at the Watershed Station is played by arranging five bottles of different volumes of water with the labels including "Saltwater," "Frozen Water," "Water Underground," "Polluted Surface Water," and "Fresh Water." The smallest bottle is the "Freshwater" bottle, which has only a drop of water inside; in shock, the kids often shout, "But this bottle's empty!" When the public can see the issue alongside the lesson, the importance for conservation becomes real and, with this new motivation, the solutions become tangible.

People will only protect what they love, only love what they know, and only know what they learn; the foundation of conservation lies within education. Conservation Corps runs two Saturdays per month, six months per year; consequently, the program only reaches a small sample of the Wild Animal Park's nearly two million guests per year. However, with the addition of the Biofiltration Wetland Creation and Education Program, we would be able to reach a much larger audience and it would be an effective step towards improving the quality and quantity of fresh water, as well as better the state of watersheds everywhere.

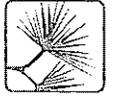
Your support of the Biofiltration Wetland Creation and Education Program at the San Diego Zoo's Wild Animal Park would be a significant advancement towards raising the awareness of water issues to the almost two million visitors of the Park per year. Thank you for your consideration of this very important project.

Sincerely,

Natalie Lowell
Conservation Corps Student Volunteer
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City of Del Mar



December 17, 2007

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Re: Support for San Dieguito Watershed Council Staffing Request

Dear Sir and Madam:

I am writing to express the City of Del Mar's support for the San Dieguito Watershed Council (Watershed Council), a group of local government agencies and non-profit organizations, and its efforts to implement the San Dieguito Watershed Management Plan (Plan). The San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy's grant funding request for "San Dieguito Watershed Council Staffing" is part of the San Diego Integrated Regional Water Management Plan.

The newly-formed Watershed Council is not supported financially by its members, outside funding is crucial to providing the staffing needed to facilitate implementation of the Plan, the express mission of the Watershed Council and its members. A dedicated staff position for the Watershed Council will play a crucial role in coordinating its activities and overseeing many of the initiatives identified as being critical to moving the Plan into action.

As of April 16, 2007 the Del Mar City Council adopted a Resolution of Support for the Plan. The City of Del Mar supports the staffing funding request because it will benefit the implementation of the Plan.

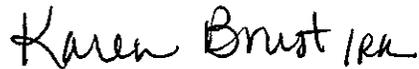
This support will ultimately lend itself to a comprehensive and regional effort of maintaining and further enhancing the long-term health of the watershed's resources while balancing the effects of urbanization and changes in land use.



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Ms. Tracie Billington
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As a member of the Watershed Council, the City of Del Mar recognizes the value this diverse group of stakeholders will bring to coordinated watershed planning efforts. To this end, we strongly urge you to accept the San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy's request for funding. We thank you in advance and appreciate your time on this matter.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Karen Brust /rk".

Karen Brust
City Manager

KB/rk

cc: Carmen Kasner, City Engineer
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November 14, 2007

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Re: Grant Application for San Dieguito Watershed Council Staffing

Dear Mr. Couch and Ms. Billington,

I am the founding chair of the San Dieguito Watershed Council. Also, I have been on the Board of Directors of the San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy for all but one of the past ten years and Board president for two years.

The San Dieguito Watershed Management Plan is a wonderful document. I'm glad to have participated in its creation. Unfortunately it will, like many plans, sit on the shelf unless some organization drives its implementation. I volunteered to be the Chair of the Council to assist the Conservancy in implementing the Plan.

The Council has been in existence nearly a year now. We are encouraged by the fact that the County of San Diego and all of the cities that have jurisdiction in the watershed are participating. In addition, several other stakeholders – basically every organization and individual that significantly participated in the development of the Plan – have named representatives to participate in the Council. That's the good news: we're up and running with committed people and organizations.

The Council receives no financial support from its members, however. Just as important, it has no dedicated staff yet, except what the Conservancy has chosen to donate to help the Council get started. This donation is temporary, as the Conservancy has limited resources and many demands.

Council members are coming together to voluntarily work toward implementing doable near-term elements of the Plan. Much can be done this way, *if* we have some staff to provide leadership, start things and keep them moving.

The "if we have staff" is very important. I can remember my early days on the Conservancy Board when we had only part time clerical staff, to keep track of the dues and the membership. Then we took considerable risk and hired an executive director. From that point forward, the Conservancy has moved from being a cipher to being a leader among all the land conservation organizations in the county. This wouldn't have happened had not we had staff to provide day-to-day leadership and implement things between the meetings of the volunteer board. Volunteers with full time commitments elsewhere can't do it.

So it will be with the Watershed Plan unless the Council has paid staff to help implement Council initiatives. The SWRCB channeled the money to us to create the Plan. We look forward to the SWRCB directing money to us move us into significant implementation.

Sincerely,

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William Simmons



Groundwork
SAN DIEGO
Chollas Creek

Mr. Scott Couch
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November 12, 2007

Dear Mr. Couch,

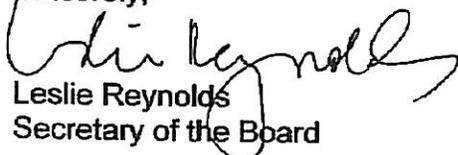
It is with great pleasure that Groundwork San Diego-Chollas Creek writes in support of the **City of San Diego's Project #20-Dalbergia at Thor Green Mall Phase 1.**

Our organization formed two years ago at the request of the City of San Diego to lead the community in the implementation of the Chollas Creek Enhancement program. Since that time, Groundwork USA, an EPA/National Park Service initiative, has recognized us as one of 16 trusts in the United States. As such, we are a nonprofit environmental business working to address water quality, education, conservation, and restoration issues along the 32 miles of Chollas Creek. In fact, we will soon be undertaking a DWR-funded restoration in South Chollas Creek.

The "Green Garden" low impact development project is precisely the kind of effort we are trying to foster along Chollas Creek. In fact, we are currently working with the Stormwater office to identify ways in which Groundwork might undertake constructed wetland projects within the Creek that would complement, and offer maximum water quality benefits to, Stormwater's "outside-the receiving waters" projects. The Dalbergia Street "lid" would be a most significant first step in that process.

Don't hesitate to call if I can provide any additional information.

Sincerely,



Leslie Reynolds
Secretary of the Board



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

January 22, 2008

Mr. Scott Couch
State Water Resources Control Board
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1001 I Street, 16th Floor
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Dear Mr. Couch:

I am writing to provide support for the County of San Diego, Department of General Services' Chollas Creek Runoff Reduction and Groundwater Recharge Project. This project would directly benefit the City in its efforts to comply with required total maximum daily loads (TMDLs) for Chollas Creek through the reduction of urban runoff anticipated to result from project implementation. I appreciate the opportunity to submit these comments.

The Chollas Creek Runoff Reduction and Groundwater Recharge Project is designed to reduce runoff from three County of San Diego facilities in the Chollas Creek subwatershed of the Pueblo San Diego hydrological unit. These sites, which were designed to facilitate public access, have large parking lots, contributing to a high degree of imperviousness and the potential for pollutants to be discharged via sheet runoff and the municipal storm drain system. This transport contributes potential pollutants to Chollas Creek, a water body listed on the 303(d) list for bacteria, dissolved copper, lead, and zinc. The County of San Diego, Department of General Services proposes to retrofit portions of one of the traditional parking lots with porous pavement over stone reservoirs, one with a proprietary concrete vault over stone, and one with vegetative low impact development features to capture runoff from the parking lots, and, where feasible, to also capture runoff from roof drains. These installations will directly help to reduce urban runoff and the transport of pollutants to Chollas Creek.

A further benefit the City of San Diego will derive from the Project is as a practical demonstration of low impact development (LID) practices. City employees and contractors will be able to visit the facilities, observe the Department of General Services' implementation of LID principles, and, potentially, apply some of those principles at some of the highly impervious facilities owned and managed by the City. In addition, the presence of these three public facilities in the watershed retrofitted with



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stormwater BMPs will benefit the City's outreach efforts, in addition to those of the County. Members of the public who visit the County facilities will be able to see how highly impervious sites can be retrofitted and improved to reduce runoff. Public awareness and education about the importance of runoff reduction to water quality is a key component in bringing about the changes necessary to affect long-term water quality improvements.

The City of San Diego is required to implement TMDLs for Dissolved Copper, Lead, and Zinc in Chollas Creek, and is working to meet its TMDL Source Loading Best Management Practices and Monitoring Strategy Assessment. The reduction in the transport of metals and pollutants to Chollas Creek that is anticipated to result from implementation of the County of San Diego, Department of General Services' Chollas Creek Runoff Reduction and Groundwater Recharge Project will directly contribute to the City's ability to comply with the TMDLs for Chollas Creek and will help the City meet its outreach goals. I encourage your Board to fund this important project through the Proposition 50 IRWMP Grant process.

Sincerely,



Drew Kleis
Acting Deputy Director

cc: File