

Letters of Support or Opposition

The Proposal and the individual projects contained in it have broad support. Below is a table summarizing the letters of support received for the projects and the Proposal. Available copies of the letters are appended to this attachment.

Project	Supporters	Letter Dated
1. Central Basin SWRP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> City of Huntington Park Water Replenishment District of Southern California 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> June 21, 2006 June 21, 2006
2. JWPCP Marshland Enhancement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> JWPCP Citizens Advisory Committee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> June 5, 2006
3. Large Landscape Conservation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> City of Huntington Park Water Replenishment District of Southern California City of Malibu* City of Manhattan Beach* City of Hermosa Beach* 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> June 21, 2006 June 21, 2006 Not available Not available Not available
6. Morris Dam Water Supply	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> San Gabriel River Water Committee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> June 25, 2006
7. North Atwater Creek Restoration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Atwater Griffith Park Chamber of Commerce Friends of Atwater Village 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> June 7, 2006 June 7, 2006
8. Pacoima Wash / 8 th Street Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pacoima Beautiful Assemblymember Cindy Montanez (39th District) City of San Fernando 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May 11, 2006 May 9, 2006 May 5, 2006
9. San Gabriel Valley <i>Arundo</i> Removal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> US Army Corps of Engineers County of Los Angeles Dept. of Parks and Recreation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May 8, 2006 Undated
10. Solstice Creek Restoration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assemblymember Fran Pavley (41st District) State Senator Sheila Kuehl (23rd District) County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky (3rd District) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> April 25, 2005 April 25, 2005 April 26, 2005
11. South Los Angeles Wetlands	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Councilmember Jan Perry, CD 9 Community Redevelopment Agency, City of Los Angeles Community And Neighbors for Ninth District Unity Coalition for Responsible Community Development Concerned Citizens of South Central Los Angeles Esteile Van Meter Multi-Purpose Center Youth Educating and Advocating for Health 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> April 20, 2006 Sept 20, 2005 Sept 20, 2005 Sept 21, 2005 Sept 23, 2005 Sept 20, 2005 Sept 23, 2005
12. Whittier Narrows WRP UV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Water Replenishment District of Southern California 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> June 10, 2006
13. Wilmington Drain Restoration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Palos Verdes/South Bay Audubon Society California State Senator Debra Bowen City of Torrance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> June 1, 2006 June 2, 2006 June 8, 2006
Entire Proposal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Los Angeles County Department of Public Works 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> June 22, 2006

* Mailed to DWR and SWRCB. Electronic version is not available for inclusion in Attachment 17.

Entire Proposal



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IN REPLY PLEASE
REFER TO FILE: **WM-3**

June 22, 2006

Mr. Scott Couch
State Water Resources Control Board
Division of Financial Assistance
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Dear Mr. Couch:

**GREATER LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGION
INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN GRANT PROGRAM
STEP 2, IMPLEMENTATION GRANT APPLICATION, PIN 10040**

The Los Angeles County Flood Control District, as the Chair of the Leadership Committee of the Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP) for the Greater Los Angeles County Region, submits the enclosed proposal for an implementation grant that details our region's planning objectives along with projects that will begin to help meet these objectives. We urge the State Water Resources Control Board and the Department of Water Resources to approve our region's implementation grant proposal.

Our region has made tremendous strides in the short few months since consolidating what were originally four separate major planning efforts into a single plan. This effort included development of our formal Leadership Committee representing a broad cross section of agencies that have come together in recognition of the value of developing a plan, which promotes multipurpose integrated solutions to our water resource needs. This Leadership Committee is made up of representatives of five separate Subregional Steering Committees, as well as five representatives of the water management strategies critical to our region.

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Our accomplishments also include development of an interim IRWMP for the region that is included with the enclosed implementation grant proposal. The interim IRWMP will be the basis of our region's comprehensive IRWMP that we plan to adopt by January 1, 2007. Following our adoption, we will move forward with implementing the ideas and projects outlined in the plan. The interim IRWMP includes targets for key indicators of water resource planning, which will allow us to ultimately measure our progress and hold ourselves accountable. The Leadership Committee endorses the interim plan as well as the initial projects included in the enclosed proposal.

We acknowledge that as a region, our ability to provide a reliable water supply for our growing population and to maintain and improve the quality of our local water resources will require development of significant local financial resources in addition to those that we are able to attract from outside funding sources such as yours. Please recognize the important catalyst that your financial resources would provide in our local efforts to develop our own sustainable financial resources to implement our plan.

In determining funding for implementation, we urge you to consider important facts about our region:

- Our region has extremely complex water quality and water supply issues.
- Water is one of our region's most valuable resources.
- Our region is a leader in water conservation and integrated water resource planning.
- Our region has over 9 million residents.
- Approximately 26 percent of the State's population resides in our region.
- Over 64 percent of the voters of the County of Los Angeles voted yes on Proposition 50.

When determining funding allocations throughout the State, the scope, size, and complex nature of the Greater Los Angeles County Region deserves careful consideration. With over nine million residents in the region, 92 cities, and the involvement of over 400 agencies, it is vital that our region gets its equitable share of funding for implementing our IRWMP.

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We appreciate the assistance that you and your staff have provided the region and look forward to working with you in the future.

Very truly yours,

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DONALD L. WOLFE
Chief Engineer, Los Angeles County Flood Control District
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cc: Celeste Cantú
Department of Water Resources (Lester Snow)



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1. Central Basin Southeast Water Reliability Project



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RE: Letter of Support
Region: Greater Los Angeles County
Project: **Southeast Water Reliability Project, Water Recycling Project**

Dear Ms. Farahnak and Ms. Billington:

On behalf of Water Replenishment District of Southern California, I am writing to express my support for the **Southeast Water Reliability Project, Water Recycling Project (SWRP)** which is included in the Step 2 application being submitted by the Greater Los Angeles County Region as part of the State's Integrated Regional Water Management Program. The monies requested in this application will ultimately fund the construction of a new recycled water pipeline and pump station to provide increased pumping capacity.

We strongly support the Central Basin Municipal Water District in their continued efforts to diversify the southern California water portfolio and decrease this regions dependency on imported water. This project will construct approximately 60,300 linear feet of pipeline connecting Central Basin's recycled water pipeline system from the City of Pico Rivera to the City of Vernon. Through this effort, 9,600 acre-feet of recycled water will be distributed to customers in these cities allowing the District to more efficiently and reliably serve its customers and encourage its customers that use valuable imported water for non-potable purposes such as landscape irrigation, commercial and industrial use to take advantage of significantly cheaper recycled water.

Central Basin MWD has proven through its' leadership what can be accomplished through water recycling and this project will continue that tradition. This project will not only benefit more than 1.5 million residents and businesses served by Central Basin, but will reduced this region's reliance on imported water, thereby securing California's water supply for future generations.

As such, we strongly encourage you to give the Central Basin Municipal Water Districts' Proposition 50 Grant Application your fullest consideration.

Sincerely,

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Robb Whitaker, P.E.
General Manager
Water Replenishment District of
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City of
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JUAN R. NOGUEZ, MAYOR
City of Huntington Park

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2. JWPCP Marshland Enhancement Project



June 5, 2006

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Dear Ms. Farahnak and Ms. Billington:

**Letter of Support -
Greater Los Angeles County JWPCP Marshland Enhancement Project**

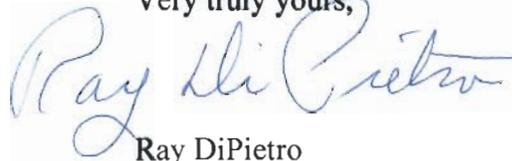
The Citizen's Advisory Committee (CAC) is a group of concerned homeowners organized to represent the communities surrounding the Joint Water Pollution Control Plant (JWPCP) with the task of advising the Sanitation Districts about matters that affect our communities, and aid in the Districts' desire to be a good neighbor. On behalf of the CAC, I would like to convey my strong support for the JWPCP Marshland Enhancement Project. It is my understanding that the Greater Los Angeles County Region as part of the State's Integrated Regional Water Management program has submitted an application for the project.

The JWPCP marshland will provide a variety of important habitats, including migrating birds from the Pacific flyway. The JWPCP marshland is all that is left of a larger marshland that once existed in the area. Therefore, this project will preserve a very valuable asset. The source of the water that runs through the marshland is provided by a waterway called the Wilmington Drain. This water flowing through the marsh is impaired and carries contaminants such as ammonia, lead, copper, and high coliform counts. The marshland has the natural ability of removing these contaminants as the water flows through it. An amazing benefit! There are a number of other important benefits that will be realized from the project. They include: Storm water control, recycled materials use, flood protection, and aquifer replenishment. Another important benefit concerns the recreational and educational opportunities provided by the project.

The above noted benefits are strong reasons for the support of the CAC. The CAC is particularly interested in the recreational and educational aspect of the project. Local clubs, school children, individual citizens, and others, will be allowed to observe plants, animals, and birds in their natural habitat. There will also be an opportunity to learn what marshlands are all about and to appreciate their purpose. This could lead to support from the community for wetlands to be created in other areas of the Greater Los Angeles Region. Also, observing recycling in action will help visitors understand the importance of recycling.

In light of these many benefits, the CAC would like to offer its strong support for the JWPCP Marshland Enhancement Project, and recommends that the Department of Water Resources, and the State Water Resources Board, award grant funding for this project, and the implementation of the Integrated Regional Water Management Plan of which this project is a part.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ray DiPietro". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping "R" and "P".

Ray DiPietro

Chair, JWPCP Citizen's
Advisory Committee

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Attention: Ms. Shahla Farahnak
Ms. Tracie Billington

**Greater Los Angeles County Joint Water Pollution Control Plant (JWPCP)
Marshland Enhancement Project: Community Support**

I am writing on behalf of the JWPCP Citizen's Advisory Committee (CAC) to express my support for the JWPCP Marshland Enhancement Project, which is included in the Step 2 application being submitted by the Greater Los Angeles County Region as part of the State's Integrated Regional Water Management program. The CAC members represent the communities surrounding the JWPCP and advise the Sanitation Districts about matters that affect our communities.

The JWPCP established the CAC in 1978 to help them to be a better neighbor, and it has been responsive to our concerns. The CAC strongly supports the Marshland Enhancement Projects and eagerly anticipates its completion.

This project will preserve a valuable asset, the JWPCP marshland, which is a remnant of a larger marshland that formerly existed in the area. The marshland will provide wetland, riparian, scrub, and upland habitats following its enhancement. It will also support wildlife, including migrating birds from the Pacific flyway. In addition, the natural functioning of the marshland will act to remove contaminants from the water flowing through it. This is important because the Wilmington Drain, which serves as the source of water for the marshland, is an impaired waterway requiring Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) for ammonia, copper, lead, and high coliform count. Other benefits of the marshland include flood protection, aquifer replenishment, use of recycled materials, and the demonstration of the use of a vegetated swale for storm water control. Finally, educational and recreational opportunities for the community will be introduced through the viewing area included

as part of the project. The population of the local area has increased significantly and needs more parkland for passive recreation.

The CAC supports this project because the above-noted benefits will enhance the experiences for many members of the local community. In particular, the education and recreational opportunities will benefit local school children, local clubs, and individual citizens by allowing them to observe the plants and animals (especially birds) at the marshland. Many people view marshlands as areas that are not useful; the opportunity to learn about the types of plants and functions of a marshland in the overall environment will help more people appreciate their purpose, and could potentially lead to support among the community for wetlands to be created in other areas of the Greater Los Angeles Region. Additionally, seeing recycled products in use will help inspire visitors to recycle in their daily lives.

In light of these benefits, the CAC strongly recommends that the Department of Water Resources and the State Water Resources Control Board award grant funding for this project, and the implementation of the Integrated Regional Water Management Plan of which this project is a part.

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Margaret Hudson
Vice Chairman
JWPCP Citizen's Advisory Committee

3. Large Landscape Water Conservation, Runoff Reduction and Educational Program



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RE: Letter of Support
Region: Greater Los Angeles County
Project: **Large Landscape Conservation/Runoff Reduction Management and Educational Program**

Dear Ms. Farahnak and Ms. Billington:

On behalf of the Water Replenishment District of Southern California, I am writing to express my support for the Large Landscape Conservation/Runoff Reduction Management and Educational Program which is included in the Step 2 application being submitted by the Greater Los Angeles County Region as part of the State's Integrated Regional Water Management Program.

We strongly support the West Basin Municipal Water District in their continued effort to increase water supply reliability, improve water quality, conduct public educational workshops and develop water efficient demonstration gardens to increase public awareness. Ultimately, this project will reduce imported water used for irrigation purposes by an estimated 20-50%, drastically reduce polluting landscape runoff by up to 70%, and will educate the public about water-efficient gardening and irrigation systems to encourage water conservation outdoors.

West Basin MWD's longstanding leadership role in water conservation has well positioned itself to work closely with environmental organizations in preserving the environment and maximizing water conservation. As a leader in water management, they have continued to dedicate their water management policies towards conservation, and have again proven so through their pledge to match Proposition 50 funding to make this project possible.

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6. Morris Dam Conjunctive Use Enhancement Project

SAN GABRIEL RIVER WATER COMMITTEE

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To Whom It May Concern:

Subject: Morris Dam Water Supply Enhancement Project

The Committee of Nine (Committee) supports the application for Proposition 50 grant funding by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works (County) for enhancing the available water supply in the San Gabriel River Watershed. This project will result in increased local water supply by approximately 5,720 acre-feet per year, a portion of which can be subsequently released to the Main San Gabriel Basin (MSGB) that will directly reduce groundwater producers' dependence on imported water.

The Committee has had the exclusive right to the first 135 cubic feet per second of surface water from the San Gabriel River since 1889. This project proposed by the County will maximize the amount of local water supply that can be released from Morris Dam and will allow for a portion of this precious resource to be stored within the MSGB for groundwater producers use. The County maintains and operates Morris Dam and several spreading grounds and related facilities which are used for recharging the MSGB. The Committee stakeholders as well as all of the groundwater producers have the means to withdraw from the MSGB and this increased local water supply can be managed by existing County facilities.

The Committee and the groundwater producers rely on purchased water from Metropolitan Water District (MWD) as a significant source of supply for supplementing the MSGB. The ability of the County to supply local water to offset this reliance on imported water will reduce the impact on the CalFED Bay-Delta area and translate to savings from which our consumers, including a number of disadvantaged communities, will benefit.

As a project that will increase local water supply to the MSGB, thereby improving the reliability of water supply for the region and subsequently reduce costs for our users, the Committee is pleased to support this project fully.

Very truly yours,

Reiner Kruger, Chairman of the Committee of Nine

7. North Atwater Creek Restoration Project



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Ms. Tracie Billington
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North Atwater Creek Restoration and Water Quality Enhancement Project

Dear Mr. Farahnak and Ms. Billington:

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The Atwater Griffith Park Chamber of Commerce is one of the oldest and most enduring community groups in Atwater Village. For over 57 years we have been promoting the civic and economic well being of our community through special events and community projects. We believe this project will be of great benefit to our community.

We appreciate your consideration. Please contact me at 323.665.0166 or luis@atwaterchamber.org if you should have any questions.

Very truly yours,

Luis Lopez,
Chamber President
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cc: Rufino Lozano, City of Los Angeles



June 8, 2006

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Friends of Atwater Village is a "hands on" non-profit community group working to improve our neighborhood, from neighborhood clean-ups to mural projects and more. At our core, we are a large group of friends dedicated to improving a great Los Angeles community. We believe this project will be of great benefit to our community.

We appreciate your consideration. Please contact me at cesar@theadvocacyworks.com or at 213.291.1854 should you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

Cesar Portillo,
Board President
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8. Pacoima Wash Greenway Project: 8th Street Park



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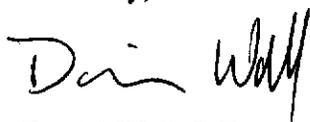
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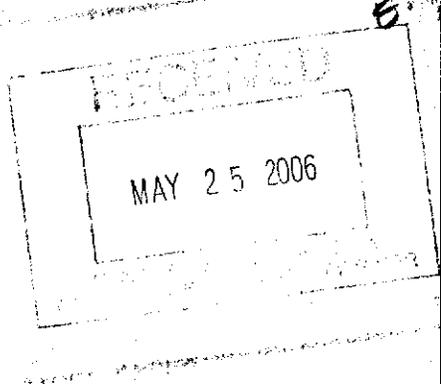
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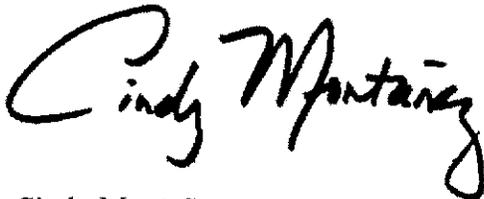


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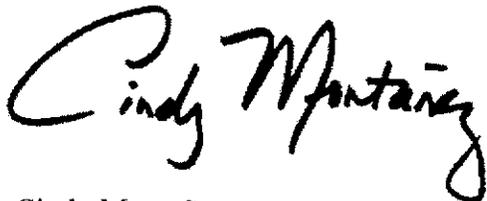


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9. San Gabriel Valley Riparian Habitat Arundo Removal Project



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
LOS ANGELES DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS
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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

Operations Branch

Ms. Shahla Farahnak
State Water Resources Control Board
Division of Financial Assistance
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Sacramento, California 95814

Dear Ms. Farahnak:

The US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) has reviewed a grant proposal that will be submitted to your office by Mr. Bill Neill and regards the program for eradication of non-native, invasive plants in riparian areas of Corps-owned flood control basins within the Los Angeles County Drainage Area (LACDA). The USACE Los Angeles District operates 4 major flood control basins and 3 smaller debris basins within Los Angeles County. Each flood basin encompasses up to several square miles of area that is primarily leased for recreation and agriculture and also is partly left in natural conditions to retain flood water and to preserve wildlife habitat.

The Los Angeles District has reviewed and supports this grant proposal, which would be administered by the Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers Watershed Council (LASGRWC) and would remove 24 acres of *Arundo donax* from Corps property upstream of Whittier Narrows Dam. This proposal, Invasive Weed Control Project at Whittier Narrows, is included in the Step 2 application being submitted from the Greater Metropolitan Los Angeles Region as part of the State's Integrated Regional Water Management program.

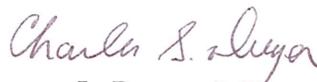
In 2001, the District's Operations Branch removed about 30 net acres of *Arundo* that choked the San Gabriel River and San Jose Creek where these channels enter the Whittier Narrows flood control basin. Subsequently, this office has also permitted mitigation projects to remove approximately 22 acres of *Arundo* from the Basin's crossover channel that transfers peak flood flows from the San Gabriel River to the lower Rio Hondo basin and downstream connection with the Los Angeles River. One prime benefit of *Arundo* removal from river channels in the metropolitan Los Angeles area is the reduction of its voluminous flood-born debris that potentially can plug dam outlets or bridge spans and which litters the LA/Long Beach Harbor each winter.

Because the primary Corps mission is limited to flood protection, the District cannot easily fund basin vegetation management within basins for purposes of water conservation and habitat restoration. Thus, the Los Angeles District does support appropriate proposals from or affiliated with other agencies and organizations, such as the LA&SGR Watershed Council, which enhance and restore natural areas under Corps Operations Branch management. This proposed project at Whittier Narrows can not entirely solve the problem but is another step in the direction of invasive plant eradication in Los Angeles County.

A signed copy of this letter will also be forwarded to Ms. Tracie Billington, the Department of Water Resources Division of Planning and Local Assistance, P.O. Box 942836, Sacramento, California 94236-0001.

If you have any questions or would like further information, please contact Mr. Carvel Bass, Operations Branch Ecologist at (213) 452-4492.

Sincerely,


George L. Beams, P.E.
6a Chief, Construction-Operations
Division

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District
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In accordance with 40 CFR 1508.4 and 33 CFR 230.9, the following action when considered individually and cumulatively does not have significant effects on the quality of the human environment and is categorically excluded from NEPA documentation (see below for basis for exclusion).

Arundo donax and other Invasive Non-native Plant Eradication Los Angeles County Drainage Area PROJECT

PROJECT INFORMATION

PROJECT TYPE: Allow Right of Entry to remove *Arundo donax* and/or other targeted invasive, non-native plants from Corps riparian areas.

LOCATION: Los Angeles County Drainage Area (LACDA) is the term used for describing the areas under consideration. LACDA includes the flood control basins and channels within the Los Angeles River and San Gabriel River watersheds (excluding Orange County tributaries).

DESCRIPTION: Removal of *Arundo donax* and other targeted invasive plants from Corps riparian areas. *Arundo* clearance in wetlands and on level dry terrain is performed by a tractor-mounted flail mower. Subsequent herbicide spraying of resprouts is performed by Contractor to control re-sprout activity.

DATE BEGIN/COMPLETE: FY 2005 through FY 2010 with option for 5-yr. renewal. This is continuation and expansion of an earlier approved program which has resulted in significant non-native eradication in an increased number of Corps basins and channels.

PURPOSE AND NEED: The project will benefit natural resources at Corps-owned land in Los Angeles County. Please see Exclusion #2.

BASIS FOR EXCLUSION

- ___ 1. Activities at completed Corps projects, which carry out the authorized project purposes:
- ___ a. Routine operations & maintenance actions
 - ___ b. General administration
 - ___ c. Equipment purchases
 - ___ d. Custodial actions
 - ___ e. Erosion control
 - ___ f. Painting
 - ___ g. Repair
 - ___ h. Rehabilitation
 - ___ i. Replacement of existing structures (buildings, roads, levees, groins, and utilities)
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 - ___ k. Minor maintenance dredging using existing disposal sites
 - ___ l. Planning and Technical Studies that recommend further study

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- No greater than five years since previous dredge cycle and/or more than five years have elapsed but significant vegetative habitat has not developed.

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10. Solstice Creek Southern Steelhead Habitat Restoration

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April 25, 2005

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Re: Support for Solstice Creek Fish Passage Restoration

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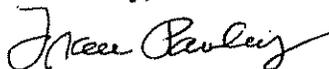
This is to encourage your support of the National Park Service effort to restore Solstice Creek for endangered steelhead trout in the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area.

The National Park Service and its partners that include local and state agencies are collaborating to improve conditions for our region's endangered species. While the restoration of habitat for steelhead trout is relatively new idea in southern California, I hope that collaborative efforts like these will demonstrate additional benefits for future stream restoration efforts in the Santa Monica Mountains and throughout southern California.

In addition, the National Park Service has an active education program in Solstice Creek that introduces students to hands on ecology through restoration and research projects. This restoration effort, coupled with education projects, has proven to be a valuable use of grant funds that provide for the preservation of California's endangered species and watersheds.

I hope you share my excitement about this opportunity. Thank you for what I hope will be your favorable consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



FRAN PAVLEY,
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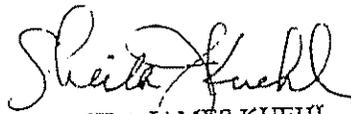
I am writing in strong support of the National Park Service's effort to restore Solstice Creek for endangered steelhead trout in the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area.

The National Park Service, along with its local and state partner agencies, are working together to improve conditions for our region's endangered species. I believe that collaborative efforts, such as this one, to save steelhead trout in our region, will prove that stream restoration efforts are good for all of southern California, and not only for the Santa Monica Mountains.

In addition, the National Park Service has an active education program in Solstice Creek that introduces students to hands-on ecology through restoration and research projects. The restoration effort, coupled with education projects, is a valuable use of proposition grant funds that provide for the preservation of California's endangered species and watersheds.

It would be truly wonderful to restore steelhead trout to Solstice Creek. I urge you to support grant funding for this worthy project. Thank you for taking my request into consideration.

Sincerely,


SHEILA JAMES KUEHL
Senator, 23rd District



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ZEV YAROSLAVSKY

SUPERVISOR, THIRD DISTRICT

April 26, 2005

Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chairman
California State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 11th Floor
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Dear Mr. Bosco:

I am writing to ask your support for a National Park Service grant application to restore Solstice Creek for the benefit of endangered steelhead trout in the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area.

While restoring habitat for the steelhead trout is a relatively new idea in Southern California, we hope that collaborative efforts like this involving the National Park Service in partnership with local and state agencies will demonstrate the benefits of future stream restoration efforts elsewhere in the Santa Monica Mountains and throughout our region.

In addition, the National Park Service conducts education programs in Solstice Creek that offer students a unique hands-on ecological experience through these restoration and research projects. When they can underwrite both educational opportunities and habitat restoration to protect endangered species, grant funds are well spent indeed.

I hope I can count on your support for this NPS grant application for the Steelhead Trout Restoration Effort in Solstice Creek. Thank you very much for your attention to this matter, and your favorable consideration of my request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Zev Yaroslavsky".

ZEV YAROSLAVSKY
Supervisor, Third District

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11. South Los Angeles Wetlands Park Project



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September 20, 2005

L. A. For Kids Steering Committee
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**SUBJECT: PROPOSITION K GRANT - L.A. FOR KIDS PROGRAM
DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS REQUEST FOR
ACQUISITION FUNDING FOR THE PROPOSED SOUTH LA
WETLANDS NATURE PARK, 54TH AND AVALON**

I am writing to express my support for the proposed South LA Wetlands project that is detailed in the grant application. I believe that nature and neighborhoods must be combined in order to improve our communities. I also believe that the opportunity to experience nature in a safe urban setting should be available to everyone regardless of where they live.

With these goals in mind, I am particularly interested in developing a park in the southern portion of Los Angeles that will provide a place where residents and visitors can come together to enjoy a natural wetlands habitat in a recreational and educational setting. Imagine a place where communities can retreat from their urban settings, finding themselves immersed in green, open space with a myriad of flora and fauna.

The Wetlands park will combine numerous elements: a wetlands habitat, a community pavilion, a rail transportation museum and much more. Every element of this project will provide local and global benefits to the community for years to come.

We need your help to make South Los Angeles Wetlands Park. The support of people like you is needed in order to make this exciting project a reality. Please join me in making South Los Angeles Wetlands Park a place where the nature and neighborhoods coexist, improving the overall health and quality of life for all Los Angelenos.

Thank you for your kind attention in this matter, and continue support.

Sincerely,

Jan Perry
Councilwoman, Ninth District

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September 22, 2005

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SUBJECT: PROPOSITION K GRANT APPLICATION FOR FUNDS TO ACQUIRE LAND AT 54th STREET AND AVALON FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A CONSTRUCTED WETLANDS AND RIPARIAN HABITAT, COUNCIL DISTRICT 9

The Watershed Protection Division enthusiastically supports the Department of Recreation and Parks Prop K grant application for funds to acquire 9-acres of industrial property at 54th Street and Avalon for the development of a constructed wetlands and riparian habitat. The proposed constructed wetlands would provide multiple benefits including the treatment of non-point source pollution, wildlife habitat, recreation, and education.

The Watershed Protection Division has been working with Councilwoman Jan Perry for the last three years to develop a concept for a wetlands and riparian habitat for South Los Angeles, the result is a Concept Design Report for the South Los Angeles Wetland Park, dated April 2003.

The City of Los Angeles is actively exploring programs, techniques, and technologies that reduce and eliminate pollution from urban runoff. Constructed treatment wetlands are one technology that is effective at reducing bacteria, nitrogen, and heavy metals from urban runoff. These constructed wetlands allow decomposition to occur in a series of marsh-like detention areas. The types of vegetation used in these areas, such as cattails, grow quickly and are very efficient at removing large amounts of phosphorus and nitrogen from untreated water and are also remarkably adept at reducing heavy metal pollutants.

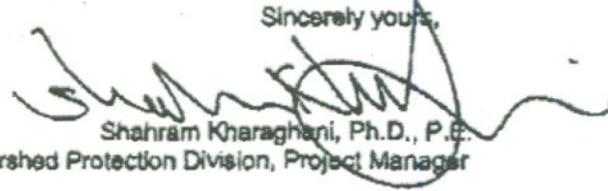
Councilwoman Perry envisions the development of a water treatment facility on the site to address water quality issues. Clean groundwater would be used to provide a year-round water source to create the wetlands and irrigate the surrounding uplands.

This project has \$2 million of dedicated funding for the stormwater treatment component of the South Los Angeles Wetlands Park. The money is from a supplemental environmental project that was agreed to by the City of Los Angeles and the California EPA as part of the Collection System Settlement Agreement 2004.



The proposed South LA Wetlands Park is very exciting because of the multiple benefits that it will bring to an underserved community. The Park will provide green space and passive recreation while improving stormwater quality and local flood protection. All of this will be built into a 4 acre wetlands habitat in the middle of a highly urbanized area. Another benefit is the opportunity to educate the public about the science and technology of urban runoff issues, watershed management, and natural ecosystems of the region.

Sincerely yours,



Shahram Kharaghani, Ph.D., P.E.
Watershed Protection Division, Project Manager



City of Los Angeles
L.A. for Kids Steering Committee
Bureau of Engineering-Recreational and Cultural Facilities
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SUBJECT: PROPOSITION K GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE ACQUISITION OF INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY FOR DEVELOPMENT OF THE SOUTH L.A. WETLANDS NATURE PARK PROJECT, 54TH AND AVALON CD9 CORRIDORS RECOVERY REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT

The Community Redevelopment Agency of the City of Los Angeles (CRA) enthusiastically supports the reuse of a 9-acre industrial property located at 54th and Avalon for the development of Wetlands Nature Park in the South LA. CRA supports the project's goals to (I) reintroduce wildlife and native habitats providing outdoor passive recreation opportunities; (II) improve storm water infrastructure and address water quality issues; (III) improve public health by remediating a blighted and environmentally contaminated industrial property; and (iv) increase public spaces for community gatherings and public education.

The proposed project complements CRA's on-going and planned commercial and industrial revitalization efforts in the Council District 9 Corridors South of the Santa Monica Freeway Recovery Redevelopment Project (CD9 Project) by eliminating a blighting influences and increasing green open space resources within a densely populated urban environment.

Known as the "South Park Shops," the proposed site was historically used as streetcar service and repair facility from 1906 through 1950, and more recently by MTA for bus maintenance. Today the facility provides shops for repairing and washing vehicles, signage fabrication, storage, and field office operations but the site's seven structures and yards are underutilized.

The entire site is in the CD9 Corridors South of the Santa Monica Freeway Recovery Redevelopment Project Area. While the Redevelopment Plan designates the site for industrial land use, it permits alternate uses such as a park in the project area without Board approval if the use conforms to the Southeast Los Angeles Community Plan. The project site is zoned M1-1 Limited Manufacturing which permits any use in a CR Zone including "Park, playground, or community center, owned and operated by a governmental agency" (Sec. 12.12.2 A. (h) 3). When a concept design for the project is available, CRA staff will review the proposed project and determine if any use restrictions and design guidelines are required and whether an agreement between the Agency and the Department of Recreation and Parks (DRP) is required. CRA staff is available to provide technical assistance to DRP and Council District 9 as needed.

The Recovery Redevelopment Plan for the CD9 Project was adopted in 1995 after commercial portions in this area were damaged by fire, vandalism, and looting in connection with the 1992 civil disturbances. CD9 Project objectives include job retention and attracting new business to the area, industrial area expansion and stabilization, and providing retail, shopping and

entertainment facilities, affordable housing, improved transportation and city services, and community facilities such as parks and youth centers. In 2000, CRA in concert with the CD9 Community Advisory Committee, adopted a Five-Year Implementation Plan which included specific projects and expenditures to eliminate blight including: (I) completion of public improvements and site assemblage within the Goodyear Industrial Tract (Brownfields Economic Development Initiative) and complete disposition and development agreements for all proposed developments; (II) establishment of a Business Improvement District on Central Avenue, Vermont/Slauson, and other commercial corridors; (III) completion of site assemblage, acquisition, and relocation activities and construction of the Slauson/Central Shopping Center; (iv) completion of streetscape and tree planting public improvements in targeted neighborhoods; and (v) completion of construction of 23 to 27 family town homes for ownership.

The existing supply of open space and parks in South Los Angeles is woefully inadequate to meet the needs of all residents but youth in particular. Successful community revitalization requires not only the elimination of physical blighting conditions such as those addressed by CRA led economic development and affordable housing activities, but also the expansion of resources to meet the recreation, social, academic, and developmental needs of the area's children and youth. Strengthening family and community support systems and fostering non-violent and healthy environments where children and youth can play, learn, and thrive with caring adults is critical. The proposed improvements by RAP will make a substantial difference in the lives of working families residing in the CD9 Project.

Sincerely yours,



Richard Benbow
Acting Chief Executive Officer

cc: Jenny Scanlin, Project
Records

**Community and Neighbors for Ninth District Unity Neighborhood
Council**

7600 S. Avalon Blvd.
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September 20, 2005

L. A. For Kids Steering Committee
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**SUBJECT: PROPOSITION K GRANT APPLICATION FOR ACQUISITION FUNDS FOR
THE PROPOSED SOUTH LOS ANGELES WETLANDS NATURE PARK, 54TH
AND AVALON, COUNCIL DISTRICT 9**

The Community and Neighbors for Ninth District Unity (CANNDU) Neighborhood Council enthusiastically supports the Department of Recreation and Parks' request for funds to acquire the 9-acre MTA maintenance facility at 54th St. and Avalon Boulevard for development into the South LA Wetlands Nature Park.

CANNDU has taken a leadership role in environmental issues in South Los Angeles. Residents in our community face public health threats from several sources—overcrowded and substandard housing conditions, high crime, hazardous materials contamination from blighted and contaminated industrial properties, and flooding during the rainy season. Since safety concerns are paramount, CANNDU manages the South Los Angeles Community Emergency Response Team Training Center and encourages residents to join CANNDU Board members in completing disaster preparedness training.

Being located in a watershed has made CANNDU Board members pay close attention to issues of the environment. We take an active role in monitoring legislation and consistently provide input into air quality, watershed management, and other environmental planning efforts. Recently we have been reviewing and commenting on the Department of Water & Power's proposed Integrated water plan.

The proposed South LA Wetlands Nature Park will add beauty and green space to our community. Additionally, the constructed wetlands will provide for an advanced system for capture and treatment of polluted urban runoff. This water quality treatment element is an environmentally important improvement.

I also want to share with you that last spring I participated on a jury for a University of Southern California landscape architecture studio called, Brownlab: Wunderkammer@the Yellow Car Maintenance Yard, under the direction of David Fletcher ASLA and Tom Leader ASLA. Students researched the MTA site and developed alternative design concepts for site "healing and to approach remediation and redevelopment from social, cultural, historic, ecological, artistic and environmental perspectives." My colleagues on the jury panel were distinguished

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leaders of environmental organizations and their input was valuable. The student work suggested how ecological technologies can solve infrastructure needs while improving environmental health, social/recreation opportunities, and site image. Their ideas were thought provoking, innovative, and creative and I am hopeful that many of the ideas generated by the students will be incorporated into the final design concept for the South LA Wetlands Nature Park.

Thank you for your serious consideration of this project. I hope that you will decide to invest in a bold environmental statement for South LA.

Sincerely,



Horace Penman
President
Community and Neighbors for Ninth District Unity
Neighborhood Council

Coalition for Responsible Community Development

September 21, 2005

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To Whom It May Concern:

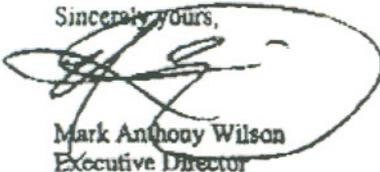
The Coalition for Responsible Community Development (CRCD) is pleased to provide this letter of support for the Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks' application requesting funds to acquire the 9-acre MTA maintenance facility located at 54th and Avalon Boulevard for development of the South LA Wetlands Nature Park.

CRCD was formed by a body of community development professionals, local politicians to work in coalition with non-profit community development corporations, local stakeholders, and government agencies to create affordable housing and economic development opportunities in South Los Angeles and the greater Los Angeles County region for residents and businesses at risk of displacement and disenfranchisement.

CRCD's South Los Angeles Beautification Team (SLABT) is the primary graffiti abatement contractor in South Los Angeles, monitored by City of Los Angeles Board of Public Works Department of Community Beautification. Each year, SLABT removes and covers approximately one-million square feet of graffiti, hires more than 15 local youth, employs 80% of its staff from the local community, coordinate 50 community clean-ups with block clubs and neighborhood councils, and assist with the creation of community beautification activities not limited to murals and veining projects. SLABT will work to secure resources to maintain the cleanness of the Wetlands Nature Park and adjacent neighborhoods.

CRCD urges you to approve this grant request to provide a much needed open space for our community. The proposed constructed Wetlands Project will improve water quality in our community as well as create a natural park for recreation, employment and training opportunities, enjoyment, and environmental education. CRCD looks forward to becoming a major Park user and partnering with the City to offer outdoor learning activities and ecology education programming.

Sincerely yours,



Mark Anthony Wilson
Executive Director

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September 23, 2005

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RE: PROPOSITION K GRANT APPLICATION FOR ACQUISITION FUNDS FOR
THE PROPOSED SOUTH LOS ANGELES WETLANDS NATURE PARK,
54TH AND AVALON, COUNCIL DISTRICT 9

Dear Sirs:

Concerned Citizens of South Central Los Angeles (CCSCLA) is pleased to provide this letter of support for the Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks' application requesting funds to acquire the 9-acre MTA maintenance facility located at 54th and Avalon Boulevard for development of the South Los Angeles Wetlands Nature Park.

CCSCLA, through its Executive Director of 15 years, Juanita Tate, proposed this project to Councilwoman Jan Perry (about 4 years ago) prior to her passing in 2004. CCSCLA's mission is to work for social change, economic and environmental justice. We have grave concerns about the underutilization and contamination at the MTA site which attracted dumping and homeless encampments. CCSCLA envisions a safe and beautiful place that people of all ages, particularly youth, can gather to experience nature, learn about ecosystems and careers in the environmental field.

CCSCLA is developing a soccer field under a joint use agreement with the Los Angeles Unified School District at the Dorothy V. Johnson Community Day School located just north of the MTA facility. CCSCLA will encourage the soccer families to utilize the South Los Angeles Wetlands Nature Park for special events and celebrations.

CCSCLA urges you to approve this grant request so that the City can finally obtain control of the site and focus on development activities. The proposed constructed wetlands project will improve water quality in our community as well as create a natural park for recreation, enjoyment and environmental education. CCSCLA looks forward to partnering with the City to offer outdoor learning activities and ecology education programming.

Sincerely,

Noreen McClendon
Executive Director

Estelle Van Meter Multi-Purpose Center
606 E. 76th Street
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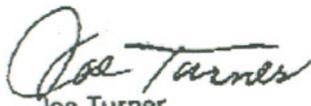
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THE PROPOSED SOUTH LOS ANGELES WETLANDS NATURE PARK,
54TH AND AVALON, COUNCIL DISTRICT 9

Established in 1982, the Estelle Van Meter Multi-Purpose Center is located in South Los Angeles. Its mission is to improve the quality of life of seniors in the community through information, referrals, and services. The Center works with local police, educators, senior citizens. And Youth, members and health professionals. One of our partners is Commercial Capital Bank which helps us to provide a safe haven for residents through weekly mobile banking services and elder abuse prevention programs.

The proposed project, the acquisition of the 9-acre MTA maintenance facility at 54th St. and Avalon Boulevard for development into the South LA Wetlands Nature Park, is great news for our community. South Los Angeles has a concentration of underutilized contaminated industrial properties, overcrowded housing conditions, and a lack of recreation facilities and parklands. Proposition K funds provide the City with an incredible investment opportunity for South Los Angeles. The proposed South LA Wetlands Natural Park combine outdoor recreation and learning with much needed stormwater improvements. The proposed natural area will serve as a catalyst for community revitalization, provide a gathering place for people of all ages and backgrounds, and bring a source of pride to residents. I know that many of the seniors will be interested in providing stewardship of this natural area. Some will want to be trained to become docents so that they may teach area children about the plant and wildlife that will thrive as a result of the constructed wetlands.

Because so many of our residents are transit-dependent, the decision to locate such a unique resource within our community will give seniors, disables, youth, and others, with limited transportation access to the South LA Wetlands. The natural park has the potential to give residents and visitors a new sense of peace and inspiration as they walk along streamside trails and overlooks.

Sincerely yours,



Joe Turner

Vice President, Estelle Van Meter Multi-Purpose Center

Youth Educating and Advocating for Health
A project of Walden House, Inc. in partnership with
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**SUBJECT: PROPOSITION K GRANT APPLICATION FOR ACQUISITION FUNDS FOR THE
PROPOSED SOUTH LOS ANGELES WETLANDS NATURE PARK, CD9**

This letter is in support of the Department of Recreation and Parks's request for funds to acquire the 9-acre MTA maintenance facility at 54th Street and Avalon Boulevard for development into the South LA Wetlands Nature Park.

Youth Educating and Advocating for Health (YEAH) is a mentoring and support program for children, ages 6-12 and youth, ages 12-15 of incarcerated parents, providing mentoring, specialized services, and linkages between Walden House, Inc. and programs serving youth. YEAH partners with All People's Christian Church and the Los Angeles Metropolitan Churches, and conducts outreach to youth at schools, community organizations, and parks. We serve SPA 6 which has the largest number of foster care children in county. Sixty-five percent of children and youth in SPA 6 have parents that are or have been incarcerated and 92% live with a single parent or relative.

YEAH recruits targeted participants to become peer educators and community organizer and child advocates. Our goals for participating children and youth include (i) cultivating resiliency to become competent, healthy, happy, and successful adults; (ii) empowerment through building on existing strengths; (iii) increasing potential and broadening horizons; and (iv) providing opportunities to experience confidence in their capabilities...and having fun while doing it! Ultimately we hope that YEAH graduates will end the cycle of incarceration, appreciate themselves and their surroundings, utilize the resources available to them, and take pride in their communities.

Mentors receive training and support from Walden House. They engage in one-to-one activities, team building exercises, leadership development, recreational activities, Social events, education and tutoring, and vocational exploration.

YEAH seeks appropriate conventional and unconventional venues to carry out our work. We value environments that benefit and nurture the whole person—their minds, bodies, and spirits. For this reason, we have been developing a relationship with August F. Hawkins Nature Park so that our youth can have direct experiences with the natural world. The proposed South LA Wetlands Nature Park will provide a larger wetlands and riparian habitat of regional significance and offer a range of environmental education and outdoor learning opportunities. Feeling the seasons and observing the processes of nature will bring meaning and renewal to youth as they experience themselves in the world and the world in them.

Sincerely yours,


Tony Zapata
Program Manager

12. Whittier Narrows Water Reclamation Plant UV Disinfection Project

June 10, 2006

Ms. Shahla Farahnak
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Ms. Tracie Billington
Department of Water Resources
Division of Planning and Local Assistance
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Dear Ms. Farahnak and Ms. Billington:

**Letter of Support -
Greater Los Angeles County Whittier Narrows WRP UV Disinfection Facilities project**

I am writing on behalf of the Water Replenishment District of Southern California (WRD) to express my support for the Whittier Narrows WRP UV Disinfection Facilities Project, which is included in the Step 2 application being submitted by the Greater Los Angeles County Region as part of the State's Integrated Regional Water Management program.

This project will replace a chloramination disinfection system (using chlorine and ammonia) with a dual barrier system (using free chlorine and UV light irradiation). The proposed disinfection system will comply with existing microbiological objectives while preventing N-Nitrosodimethylamine (NDMA) generation and destroying a significant portion of NDMA that is already present. It will also result in secondary water quality benefits, such as reductions in ammonia and chloride.

Most of the effluent from the Whittier Narrows Water Reclamation Plant (WN WRP) is directed to the Rio Hondo or San Gabriel River Spreading Grounds for recharge into the Montebello Forebay as part of the Montebello Forebay Groundwater Recharge Project. The Montebello Forebay Groundwater Recharge Project is a joint project of the County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County (LACSD), WRD, and the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works. This project will preserve the use of an average of 7,000 acre feet per year (afy) of recycled water (based on a range of 5,600 afy to 10,080 afy, depending on the timing and implementation of other LACSD projects), for groundwater recharge into the Montebello Forebay, thus avoiding the need to import water from other regions for that purpose. The

water recycling and reclamation of WN WRP effluent provides an economic benefit to the surrounding communities, a large proportion of which are disadvantaged.

The WRD supports this project primarily because it will further enhance the quality of recycled water used for groundwater recharge. This benefits the WRD and all basin stakeholders by further improving the overall groundwater quality of the Central Basin. Additionally, the cost savings realized by the District by using lower cost recycled water are distributed equitably among all groundwater uses in the Central and West Coast basins through reduced replenishment assessments which are levied on all groundwater production..

In light of this/these benefit(s), the Water Replenishment District of Southern California would like to offer its support for the Whittier Narrows WRP UV Disinfection Facilities Project, and recommend that the Department of Water Resources award grant funding for this project, and the implementation of the Integrated Regional Water Management Plan of which this project is a part.

Very truly yours,



Robb Whitaker
General Manager
Water Replenishment District of
Southern California

13. Wilmington Drain Restoration Multiuse Project

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June 2, 2006

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

Dear Ms. Billington:

It has come to my attention that the City of Los Angeles, Department of Public Works, in cooperation with Los Angeles County, is developing a stormwater management project for the unpaved portion of the Wilmington Drain, which is the primary source of water for Lake Machado in Ken Malloy Harbor Regional Park. They are requesting \$4.5 million in Proposition 50, Chapter 8 funds from the State Water Resources Control Board and the California Department of Water Resources to implement the proposed improvements.

The Wilmington Drain and Lake Machado are ecologically rich resources in the Harbor area of Los Angeles, which local residents and nature enthusiasts enjoy for their diversity of plants and animals. They are vital to a community that lives side-by-side with oil refineries and other industrial activity. Over the years, this environmentally sensitive area has deteriorated from the effects of urban runoff, sedimentation and overall neglect, and it's now in desperate need of restoration.

The proposed project focuses on promoting natural ways of treating the drain's water before it enters the lake and on raising public awareness of the area's ecological value by providing a safe public park along the channel with trails, educational exhibits, tree-shaded seating areas and fencing for the entire perimeter, which will protect the area from vandalism and illegal dumping. Native plants will be added to the landscape to replace non-native vegetation, the goal being to stabilize the banks of the drain and protect wildlife habitat. This approach will also help keep trash from entering the drain and, subsequently, Lake Machado.

In view of the obvious environmental and recreational benefits this Wilmington Drain project will bring to the residents of the surrounding and wider community, I hope you'll give this worthy proposal your utmost consideration.

Sincerely,



Debra Bowen
Senator, 28th District

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June 2, 2006

Ms. Shahla Farahnak
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Dear Ms. Farahnak:

It has come to my attention that the City of Los Angeles, Department of Public Works, in cooperation with Los Angeles County, is developing a stormwater management project for the unpaved portion of the Wilmington Drain, which is the primary source of water for Lake Machado in Ken Malloy Harbor Regional Park. They are requesting \$4.5 million in Proposition 50, Chapter 8 funds from the State Water Resources Control Board and the California Department of Water Resources to implement the proposed improvements.

The Wilmington Drain and Lake Machado are ecologically rich resources in the Harbor area of Los Angeles, which local residents and nature enthusiasts enjoy for their diversity of plants and animals. They are vital to a community that lives side-by-side with oil refineries and other industrial activity. Over the years, this environmentally sensitive area has deteriorated from the effects of urban runoff, sedimentation and overall neglect, and it's now in desperate need of restoration.

The proposed project focuses on promoting natural ways of treating the drain's water before it enters the lake and on raising public awareness of the area's ecological value by providing a safe public park along the channel with trails, educational exhibits, tree-shaded seating areas and fencing for the entire perimeter, which will protect the area from vandalism and illegal dumping. Native plants will be added to the landscape to replace non-native vegetation, the goal being to stabilize the banks of the drain and protect wildlife habitat. This approach will also help keep trash from entering the drain and, subsequently, Lake Machado.

In view of the obvious environmental and recreational benefits this Wilmington Drain project will bring to the residents of the surrounding and wider community, I hope you'll give this worthy proposal your utmost consideration.

Sincerely,



Debra Bowen
Senator, 28th District

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June 1, 2006

Ms. Tracie Billington
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Re: Proposed

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The Palos Verdes/South Bay Audubon Society is the local chapter of the National Audubon Society, representing hundreds of environmentally aware families in the Dominguez Watershed, of which Wilmington Drain is an important part.

Thank you for consideration of this matter,

Sincerely yours,

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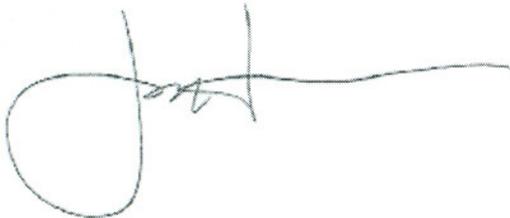
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Please accept this e-mail version of this letter. I will mail you a hard copy at the above address today. Thank you so much for your time and consideration

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