



March 27, 2008

Chairman Richard Wright
San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board
9174 Sky Park Court, Suite 100
San Diego, CA 92123

RE: #R9-2006-0065, NPDES No. CA 0109223 – April 9th Hearing,
Item #7

Dear Chairman Wright:

I am writing today on behalf of Poseidon Resources' Carlsbad Desalination Project and asking you to approve their Flow, Entrainment and Impingement Minimization Plan. Please accept this letter as a declaration of Rainbow Municipal Water District's support and endorsement for this important project.

The Rainbow Municipal Water District (Rainbow) has provided water and sanitation services to the unincorporated communities of Rainbow, Bonsall, and a portion of Fallbrook since 1953. The district services over 7,300 households and businesses, covering approximately 49,800 acres and has a high percentage of agricultural users.

Our customers already contend with some of the highest agricultural water rates in the nation, making survival of their businesses a day-to-day challenge. Because of environmental challenges and drought conditions, farmers are now facing a mandatory reduction in the amount of water they can purchase this winter, which in turn forces them to decrease the amount of acreage they can plant. This could be economically devastating for the area. Simply put, many of our ratepayers could lose their business and home if steps aren't taken now to ensure that there is sufficient affordable water.

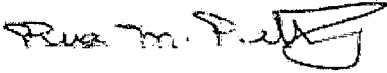
Our district is making every effort to ensure this crisis scenario does not happen. Rainbow voted to enter into a 30-year purchase agreement with Poseidon Resources, developers of the seawater desalination project. Under this agreement, Poseidon will be responsible for all costs and risks associated with the financing, development, construction, and operation of the plant. The water will meet all drinking water regulatory standards and will never exceed the price of imported water from the San Diego County Water Authority. Rainbow will purchase up to 7,500 acre-feet of water annually which represents 23% of our total requirement of 32,000 AFY.

This Water Purchase Agreement will provide the communities we serve with a reliable, local supply of water at a guaranteed price. This locally-controlled supply operates as an insurance policy to protect us from even deeper cuts in our imported water supply.

Now it is up to your Board to ensure that our efforts to protect our agricultural customers are not in vain. We understand that you will be holding a hearing on April 9th to approve the project's Flow, Entrainment and Impingement Minimization Plan. We believe this plan is in full compliance with applicable state water regulations, specifically Water Code Section 13142.5(b).

Poseidon Resources has repeatedly accommodated requests for information and demands for additional stringent mitigation measures. On behalf of Rainbow Municipal Water District, I urge the State Water Resources Control Board to approve this project and bring us one step closer to solving our region's long-term water reliability needs.

Thank you,



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President, Rainbow Municipal Water District.

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