



January 19, 2009

Chair Richard Wright and Regional Board Members
San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board
San Diego – Region 9
9174 Sky Park Court, Suite 100
San Diego, CA 92123

RE: Resolution No. R9-2008-0039 - Carlsbad Desalination Project

Dear Chairman Wright and Boardmembers,

I represent the Industrial Environmental Association (IEA), an organization that promotes environmental responsibility through effective communication and interaction with our members, government, regulatory agencies, business and the community-at-large. Our members strive to achieve a balanced relationship between environmental protection, public health and economically sustainable growth.

The IEA has been a proud supporter of the Carlsbad Desalination Project since 2000 and I have testified before you on several occasions. We recognize that a dependable and affordable water supply is critical to the well-being of San Diego's industrial community, which employs thousands of San Diegans and contributes greatly to the regional economy.

We understand that the Regional Water Quality Control Board is currently reviewing the marine life mitigation plan for the Carlsbad Desalination Project as a condition to the Flow, Entrainment and Impingement Minimization Plan that the board conditionally approved in April, 2008. Per the Board's direction, this plan has already been scrutinized by a multitude of regulatory and permitting state agencies, and the plan was overwhelmingly approved by the CA Coastal Commission and the State Lands Commission. We believe it is thorough and in full compliance of your requirement for a specific proposal for mitigation of impacts as addressed in the Flow, Entrainment and Impingement Minimization Plan. Additionally, it is a proven plan, as demonstrated by the successful implementation of the Songs Mitigation Project.

The IEA respectfully requests that your board approve this mitigation plan as submitted and allow the project to proceed to construction.

Thank you,

Patti Krebs
Industrial Environmental Association