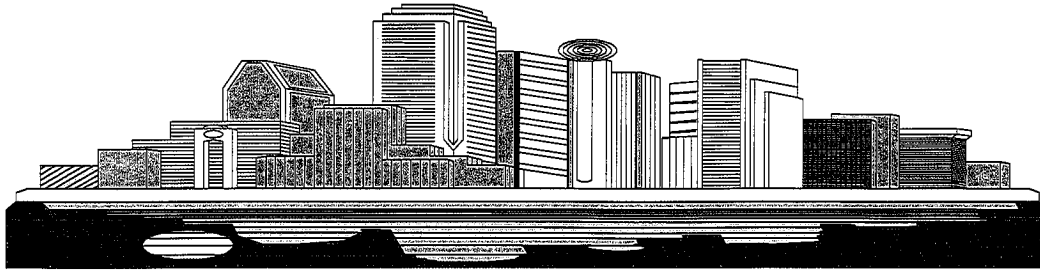


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January 19, 2009

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: Carlsbad Desalination Project - #R9-2008-0039, February 11 Hearing

Dear Chairman Wright:

I'm writing today to request your support for approving Poseidon's Carlsbad Desalination Project Marine Life Mitigation Plan.

The San Diego County Building and Construction Trades Council strives to improve the health, job safety, and economic conditions of our members and workers in the San Diego region. To that end, our organization has joined in partnership with Poseidon Resources for the construction of the Carlsbad Desalination Plant. The Project Labor Agreement (PLA) we signed guarantees that this critical water infrastructure project will be built by highly-skilled labor from within San Diego County.

During these tough economic times, we cannot afford to turn away 2,100 jobs, \$170 million in spending during construction, and \$37 million in annual spending once the plant is operational. With much of the desalination technology and building supplies coming from local companies, the economic benefits of this project will be spread throughout the region.

The San Diego County Building and Construction Trades Council is proud to be a part of the team that will be bringing a much needed, new water supply to San Diego. We ask you to consider the importance of this project to the region and help us to move forward to construction by approving the Marine Life Mitigation Plan.

Respectfully,

Tom Lemmon
San Diego County Building and Construction Trades Council

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