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Chair Richard Wright and Regional Board Members
San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board
San Diego – Region 9
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SAN DIEGO REGIONAL
WATER QUALITY
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RE: Carlsbad Desalination Plant Marine Life Mitigation Plan Resolution R9-2008-0039

Dear Chairman Wright and Board members:

This letter is in reference to the Carlsbad Desalination Project, which is part of a public-private partnership between Poseidon Resources and the City of Carlsbad, and will be located within my district. I am writing today to offer my endorsement of the project and to urge you to approve the Marine Life Mitigation Plan (Plan).

As the representative of the people of the 38th Senate District, which includes the north San Diego County cities and communities of Bonsall, Camp Pendleton, Carlsbad, Encinitas, Escondido, Fairbanks Ranch, Hidden Meadows, Lake San Marcos, Oceanside, Rancho Santa Fe, San Marcos, Solana Beach and Vista, I care deeply about diversification of our water supply.

Like most San Diegans, I am dedicated to preserving our quality of life in San Diego so that future generations can also enjoy the beautiful mountains, deserts and beaches. This is important to my constituents and I work hard every day to ensure our communities prosper.

One issue that is of special importance in my district is water, as there is a multitude of agricultural communities located in my district. These communities are already enduring a 30% cutback in their water supplies due to environmental concerns and drought conditions. This drastically affects their business and their ability to provide for their families.

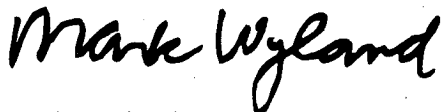
It is imperative that San Diego create a new drought-proof, reliable and environmentally-responsible supply of water. The Carlsbad Desalination Plant will provide 300,000 San Diegans with locally-produced water, which will allow us to decrease our imported supplies and reduce environmental pressure on the Bay Delta and Colorado River.

This project has been extensively analyzed by the City of Carlsbad, as well as a wide range of community, environmental, scientific, business and regulatory organizations. The evidence demonstrates that it will have no detrimental effects on the coastline or marine habitat surrounding the plant. In fact, Poseidon Resources has become a vital part of the lagoon's long-term health by agreeing to provide ongoing dredging and maintenance when the Encina Power Station is decommissioned.

The project's Flow, Entrainment and Impingement Minimization Plan can assure the Board that the project will be operated using the best possible site, design and technology. The project's marine life mitigation plan, which includes 55 acres of wetlands restoration, will be more than adequate for its purposes.

I believe that elected officials have an obligation to advance projects that are in the best interest of their constituents: On behalf of the residents of District 38, I urge you to support the Carlsbad Desalination Project's Marine Life Mitigation Plan.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Wyland". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Mark Wyland
Senator, 38th District

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