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**RE: POLICY STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF APPLICATION 31369**  
**Applicant: Chino Basin Watermaster**

The City of Ontario herewith submits a policy statement and requests it be accepted for consideration by the State Water Resources Control Board in the Santa Ana River Hearing scheduled to commence on May 2, 2007 and in particular in regards to Application 31369.

We were somewhat confused as to whether a Notice of Intent to Appear is required in order to submit a Policy statement. We did not file a Notice of Intent to Appear as we do not intend to appear at the Santa Ana River Hearing on May 2, 2007 (due to unavailability for the pre-hearing conference on April 5, 2007), and hence do not request to be on the Hearing Service list. We, therefore, assumed we had until April 16, 2007 to file a policy statement and only yesterday learned that may not be the case. We request that the Policy Statement be accepted for consideration.

Thank you. If you have any question I may be reached at (909) 395-2611.

Sincerely,

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Kenneth L. Jeske  
Director, public Works and Community Services Agency  
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**RE: POLICY STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF APPLICATION 31369  
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The City of Ontario in 2007 is a thriving community of 171,000 with a population of 3.2 million in the local region. Ontario is developing rapidly into the next urban center in Southern California serving this Inland Empire region. An inland urban center will assist toward solutions for many of California's issues including traffic/transportation, air quality, housing and community/cultural events, all creating a more dynamic, livable, and sustainable region.

A supply of high-quality groundwater is essential for water service and supply to support a healthy business climate and orderly development of housing and multiuse urban center projects. The future depends on the protection, management and responsible resource utilization of the Chino Groundwater Basin today.

The region depends on a safe, clean and reliable supply of water. Our local resources serve many purposes including residents, industry, agriculture and economy. Our careful stewardship includes clean up, treatment and reuse of waters tainted by past practices, recycling and reuse of water reclaimed today, and environmentally responsible collection, recharge/storage and use of local resources and stormwater. Careful stewardship today will preserve continuation of resources for tomorrow's generations.

The Chino Basin region has been a leader in integrated regional planning and program development. The Chino Basin Watermaster oversees an innovative Optimum Basin Management Program (OBMP) which has been approved and implementation ordered by the Superior Court. The OBMP is a comprehensive management program designed to monitor, assess and improve the quantity and quality of water available in the Basin. It integrates with State regulatory programs, regional dry year yield programs and local production, recharge and delivery programs. Hundreds of millions of dollars have already been expended on projects implementing these goals and an equal amount are in the works. This application is consistent with the OBMP and with these regional programs and projects.

We strongly support the Chino Basin Watermaster efforts to implement a stormwater recharge program as a part of the OBMP. Previous early flood control projects created a system of concrete lined channels that effectively protect against flooding, but also reduce ability to recharge groundwater from flows that naturally occur during winter storms. Therefore, the Chino Basin Watermaster has filed this application with the California Water Resources Control Board to divert a portion of that storm water out of the concrete channels and back into recharge basins. This will increase the yield of the Basin and improve groundwater quality, two goals that serve the public interest of Ontario, the region, and help drought proof the State.

The project described in Chino Basin Watermaster Application 31369 clearly serves the public interest, and the Application should be granted.

Sincerely,

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Kenneth D. Jeske  
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Cc: Ken Manning, CEO, Chino Basin Watermaster