

March 26, 2008

Chairman Richard Wright

San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board

9174 Sky Park Court, Suite 100

San Diego, CA 92123

RE: Carlsbad Desalination Project, #R9-2006-0065, NPDES No. CA0109223
– April 9th, Agenda Item #7

Dear Chairman Wright:

My name is Andrew Davis and I am the vice president of Carlsbad Aquafarm, located at 4600 Carlsbad Blvd., Carlsbad, CA 92008. I am writing to urge you to approve the Carlsbad Desalination Project.

Carlsbad Aquafarm is a family-run business that employs 20 workers. We produce 1 million oysters, 300,000 to 400,000 pounds of mussels, 50,000 pounds of seaweed and 12,000 seahorses annually.

Aquafarming is a growing industry in the United States, generating about \$1 billion in annual sales. It plays an important role by relieving the pressure that overfishing can put on the environment with minimal impact on the marine ecology.

My business cannot operate if the Agua Hedionda Lagoon is not healthy. At some point in the future, the Encina Power Plant will be decommissioned and their stewardship of the lagoon will end. That is why it is so important for the Carlsbad Desalination Project to be approved. The owners of the project, Poseidon Resources, have agreed to maintain and dredge the lagoon in perpetuity, guaranteeing it stays healthy. Poseidon's *Flow, Entrainment*

and Impingement Minimization Plan clearly lays out how they will minimize impacts in the lagoon and identifies a feasible mitigation plan to protect marine life.

While I appreciate the input of outside organizations like the Surfrider Foundation, I hope that you will take into consideration the opinion of someone who relies entirely on the health of Agua Hedionda Lagoon for the success of my business. I am satisfied that the applicant has taken all necessary steps to ensure a healthy lagoon and marine environment. Please approve the Carlsbad Desalination Project minimization plan.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Davis', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Andrew Davis

cc:

David King, Vice Chairman
Susan Ritschel, Board Member
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