California Regional Water Quality Control Board
Santa Ana Region

RESOLUTION NO. R8–2007-0009
RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE CHINO CREEK INTEGRATED PLAN

WHEREAS, THE California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Santa Ana Region (hereinafter, Regional Board), finds that:

1. Prado Basin is an essential flood control facility within the Santa Ana Region that protects downstream property from flood damage and provides for water conservation.

2. The Chino Creek Watershed is tributary to Prado Basin.

3. Prado Basin, the Chino Creek Watershed, and other local tributaries are valuable resources possessing many vital attributes including, but not limited to, support of wildlife, water quality enhancement, active and passive recreation, and public education.

4. Prado Basin, the Chino Creek Watershed, and other local tributaries are home to one of the most successful endangered species recovery programs in the United States due to the resource management efforts of the Orange County Water District and the Santa Ana Watershed Association.

5. The Prado Basin stakeholders, including Regional Board staff and staff of more than 25 other stakeholder agencies, have been meeting monthly for four years.

6. The Prado Basin stakeholders collectively believe that the beneficial uses such as flood control, water conservation, wildlife habitat, water quality enhancement, active and passive recreation, and public education, of Prado Basin, the Chino Creek Watershed, and other local tributaries should be preserved and restored.

7. The beneficial uses of Prado Basin, the Chino Creek Watershed, and local other tributaries are key components supporting the quality of life in the region and directly benefit the community by providing urban refuge and retreat opportunities as well as protection of the environment.

8. As part of a State Water Resources Control Board grant project, the Prado Basin stakeholders have completed the Chino Creek Integrated Plan for the lower Chino Creek Watershed and its tributaries.

9. The Chino Creek Integrated Plan includes a compilation and description of baseline conditions within the Chino Creek Watershed, a description of the project plan formulation (which included an intensive two–day consensus–building workshop involving 57 attendees), and a description of multi–purpose projects that will enhance the Chino Creek watershed and the greater Prado Basin area.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Regional Board does hereby determine and order as follows:

1. That the beneficial uses of the Prado Basin, the Chino Creek Watershed, and other local tributaries, as described above, benefit the community as a whole.

2. Where possible and appropriate, the goals and findings of the lower Chino Creek Integrated Plan should be utilized for guidance on how to preserve, restore and improve the Prado Basin, the Chino Creek Watershed, and other local tributaries.

I, Gerard J. Thibeault, Executive Officer, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Santa Ana Region, on February 2, 2007.

Gerard J. Thibeault
Executive Officer