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Jean-Pierre Wolff, Chair
Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board
895 Aerovista Place, Suite 101
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Subject: Item #13 Morro Bay National Estuary Program Consent Decree Funds Spend Plan

Dear Chairman Wolff and Board Members:

I write in support of the Morro Bay National Estuary Program's continued utilization of the funds provided by the Consent Decree entered in U.S. v. P.G.&E., Civ. No. 97-1969 (1997). This Consent Decree was entered by the Court to resolve alleged violations of the Clean Water Act and State Water Code pertaining to the cooling water intake and discharges from the Diablo Canyon nuclear power plant.

As you know, the May 1997 Memorandum of Agreement was developed to guide the disbursement of funds provided by the Consent Decree for environmental enhancement through implementation of the Morro Bay National Estuary Program Conservation and Management Plan.

The original \$3.66 million in Consent Decree funds has been spent. Now, the Morro Bay National Estuary Program is proposing to spend the remaining funds (approximately \$1,821,000) generated through accrual of interest.

I support the two options identified in Morro Bay National Estuary Program's proposed Spend Plan. The time frames of either 10 or 20 years would be suitable. The proposed projects are appropriate within the MOA framework.

The Morro Bay National Estuary Program has done outstanding work on behalf of the Estuary, local agricultural interests, and our County community. I believe their plans for future spending of these funds is sound and I look forward to their continued success. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to call my office at 805-781-4338.

Sincerely,

BRUCE GIBSON
Supervisor, District Two
San Luis Obispo County