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**via Electronic Mail**

Mr. Harold Singer, Executive Officer  
Mr. Steven Blum, Counsel  
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2501 Lake Tahoe Boulevard  
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Re: Proposed Settlement Between Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) and Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts No. 14 (Lancaster Plant) and 20 (Palmdale Plant)(collectively LACSD).

Dear Messrs. Singer and Blum:

We are writing on behalf of the City of Los Angeles, Department of Airports (LAWA) regarding the Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board's (RWQCB) proposed settlement with LACSD 14 (Lancaster Water Reclamation Plant) and LACSD 20 (Palmdale Water Reclamation Plant--PWRP) regarding LACSD's lawsuits challenging the cease and desist orders (CDOs) issued by the RWQCB against LACSD 14 and 20, and regarding the RWQCB's proposed Administrative Civil Liability (ACL) Order of \$4,000,000 against LACSD for LACSD 14's and 20's alleged violations of their waste discharge requirements (WDRs), CDOs and the Cleanup and Abatement Order (CAO) on the Palmdale nitrate groundwater contamination.

LAWA supports the proposed settlement. The Amended CDO for LACSD 20 will require the updating of the Palmdale Water Reclamation Plant (PWRP) to construct treatment and storage facilities and achieve tertiary treated denitrified effluent. This will enable the safe reuse of LACSD 20's effluent and avoid the nitrate groundwater contamination that resulted from the past discharge of LACSD 20's secondary treated effluent over the years. The proposed ACL provides for a significant penalty for LACSD 14 and LACSD 20 which will be constructively utilized in large part for a Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP) designed to distribute the LACSD tertiary treated effluent throughout the Antelope Valley for reuse as well as potential groundwater recharge.

Thank you for your consideration. Please contact the undersigned if you have any

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Very truly yours,

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