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Los Angeles Regional Water Board Commissioners
C/O Rosario Aston, LARWQB Staff Representative
Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board
320 West 4th Street, Suite 200
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July 30, 2018

Attention: Madelyn Glickfeld, Chair
Lawrence Yee, Vice- Chair
Irma Munoz, Member
Charles Stringer, Member
Cynthia Guzman, Member

and: Cassandra D. Owens, LARWQB Chief, Industrial Permitting Unit

Regarding: Notice to Thomas DiCiolli, Plant Manager Dated June 28, 2018
Mandalay Generating Station Tentative Termination of WDRs etc., Oxnard CA
California South LP Mandalay
NPDES No. CA00001180 / CI No. 2093

Dear Honorable Commissioners:

When my husband and I chose to move to our destination home surrounded by the waters of Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties, we were searching for that rare quality of life. After significant research and investigation, we opted for Channel Islands Harbor as it offered full recreational access and unsurpassed water quality due to the regular flushing of the harbor waters from the Harbor Blvd. Power Plant.

We have recently experienced an extremely serious condition affecting the waters of the Channel Islands Harbor. We have found this potential environmental crisis to be a matter of grave concern.

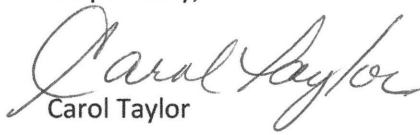
As a long-term resident of the harbor, as well as boater, kayaker, paddle boarder and diver, I can bear witness to the environmental crisis looming over our once pristine harbor. This harbor was abundant with fish, making it a home for the Great Blue Herons and Crowned Night Herons to nest and feed. The sea lions would herd the fish for a feast shared by the majestic Brown Pelicans. The White Egrets could be seen feeding at low tide. The Cormorants would group and entertain us with their synchronized diving while they fed in our harbor. Octopus, star fish, sea cucumbers and rays were sightings that brought smiles to those who visited the harbor. This year the Blue Herons are limited, the Cormorants, White Egrets and Crowned Night Herons are all but gone. The Brown Pelicans are not feasting. The rays, octopus and star fish are not brightening our days.

The recent algae bloom, which would typically not sit in our harbor due to the consistent flushing, has brought devastation to our harbor's ecological environment. If this is only the beginning, I greatly fear what is to come if nothing is done to renew the flushing system for this harbor.

The harbor is a significant asset to our community and to the California coast. This is not a resource we can simply allow to fail.

I beg your consideration in reviewing your decision on the above permits and consideration of continued or alternative measures to secure the water quality and protect the delicate marine environment now at risk.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Carol Taylor".

Carol Taylor

Channel Island Harbor Resident