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Los Angeles Regional Water Board Commissioners Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board 320 West 4th Street, Suite 200 Los Angeles, CA 90013

Attention:

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

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Cassandra D. Owens, LARWQB Chief, Industrial Permitting Unit

Rosario Aston, LARWQB Staff Representative

Attached:

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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

Honorable Commissioners:

We are writing to add our names to the list of clean water advocates requesting your help and support in regards to the matter of the Channel Islands Harbor that has become seriously negatively affected by the lack of flushing. Flushing has stopped as a result of the shut-down of the pumps that supported the Mandalay Generating Station.

We are, today, in just the beginning of what could become a completely degraded harbor as time, rain, continued storm water and agricultural discharges take their toll.

We understand that the matter before your Board is the release of the operator from the NPDES permit and that, perhaps, this request does not dovetail exactly with the agenda item.

The situation we are placing before you is real.

We need your help and support to resolve it.

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Before California loses another harbor to deteriorated water conditions

BEFORE YOU AGREED ON THE PUMPS SHUTDOWN, WERE YOU MADE AWARE OF THE REPOCUSSION OF THE PUMPS SHUT-DOWN?

The Channel Islands Harbor, all sections of it, were constructed in such a way that the Harbor would flush effectively from its initial construction. This Harbor and each of its sections was constructed by utilizing the Mandalay Canal (aka the Edison Canal) as its water pathway. The Mandalay Canal was constructed in the early 50's, before either the main Channel Islands Harbor or any of the extending harbors were constructed. The design of the Harbor as a whole relied on a sea water entry point and a seawater exit point. The sea water, which flows south to north, enters the harbor not far from the Edison Canal's beginning at Port Hueneme and exits at the Canal's entry into the Mandalay Generating Station pumps.

The cessation of the pumps completely stops the flushing essential for water quality

Unlike many harbors and marinas in California, this harbor was actually constructed with flushing in mind and for that reason it can lay claim to its well-deserved title as one of the cleanest in the state of California.

PLEASE DO NOT LET THIS OPPORTUNITY slip through the political cracks. Your mandate is to preserve water quality, please make certain we do not lose this very valuable and special California asset: A California harbor with clean water for all to enjoy.

Thank you in advance for your attention, your care and your support.

Sincerely,

Warner Younis

Patricia Younis