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Richard Wright, Chair
San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board
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Subject: LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR AGENDA ITEM #5 – APRIL 9, 2008 BOARD
MEEETING- CLEANUP AND ABATEMENT FUNDS TO SUPPORT SEDIMENT AND
EUTROPHICATION STUDIES IN COASTAL WETLANDS

Dear Dr. Wright,

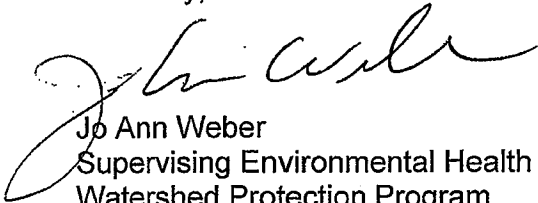
On behalf of the County of San Diego, Department of Public Works, Watershed Protection Program, I am writing this letter in strong support of funding the Sediment and Eutrophication Studies in Coastal Wetlands. This ambient survey will provide key data that are needed to develop scientifically-supported criteria and tools to link these criteria to targeted nutrient load allocations.

The proposed study will be a part of the Bight 08 Program. The Bight program is a regional assessment of the Southern California Bight which is organized every 5 years by the Southern California Coastal Water Research Project (SCCWRP). Over 50 organizations are participating in Bight 08. The San Diego County Copermittees (County of San Diego, 19 cities in the County of San Diego, Port District and Regional Airport) will contribute approximately \$650,000 towards Bight 08 by trading off resources from the regional monitoring program for the San Diego County Stormwater permit. An additional \$145,000 from the Copermittees' Permit-required ambient bay and lagoon monitoring is pledged to support this study.

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The County of San Diego strongly supports this project, which, we believe, will greatly enhance our ability to protect the coastal wetlands of southern California.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jo Ann Weber". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "W".

Jo Ann Weber
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