

**CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
SAN DIEGO REGION**

RESOLUTION NO. R9-2012-0029

***RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR OPENOCEANS GLOBAL'S
CONTRIBUTION TO, AND LEADERSHIP OF,
THE TIJUANA RIVER VALLEY RECOVERY TEAM***

Whereas, OpenOceans Global and the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region (San Diego Water Board) joined together to create the Tijuana River Valley Recovery Team (Recovery Team) and hosted its first meeting in October 2008; and

Whereas, the Tijuana River Valley Recovery Team was developed as a consensus-based collaboration of over thirty entities including local, state, and federal government agencies from both the U.S. and Mexico, the scientific community, the environmental community, affected stakeholders and other members of the public; and

Whereas, the mission of the Recovery Team is to (1) protect the Tijuana River Valley from future accumulations of trash and sediment; (2) identify, remove, recycle or dispose of existing trash and sediment, and (3) restore the Tijuana River floodplain to a balanced wetland ecosystem; and

Whereas, Carl Nettleton, founder of OpenOceans Global, served as the Co-Chair of the Recovery Team since its inception, was particularly instrumental in forging its multi-party collaboration, and provided personal funding, resources, and expertise during the Recovery Team's critical first year; and

Whereas, OpenOceans Global, provided facilitation, administrative and communicative services for the Recovery Team since 2008, including hosting a web site, developing Recovery Team newsletters, and other resources to advance the Recovery Team; and

Whereas, OpenOceans Global was named an "Environmental Champion" by the Sempra Energy Foundation in 2009 for the organization's work with the Recovery Team; and

Whereas, the Sempra Energy Foundation awarded OpenOceans Global with \$50,000 to develop interactive mapping, a web site and interactive e-newsletter to advance the consensus building process for the Recovery Team; and

Whereas, the intelligent mapping process introduced by OpenOceans Global assisted greatly in developing an understanding between the Recovery Team's numerous and varied interests; capitalizing on opportunities for collaboration and facilitating understanding in areas of conflict; and

Whereas, OpenOceans Global's role in the development of the Recovery Team's November 2011 draft "*Recovery Strategy*" designed to guide the path forward, strengthen the collaborative efforts to address trash and sediment, and support the recovery of the Valley's valuable ecosystem while allowing it to coexist with the human uses of the Valley, has been invaluable.

Therefore, Be It Resolved That:

The San Diego Water Board acknowledges and thanks OpenOceans Global for its significant contribution to, and leadership of, the Tijuana River Valley Recovery Team. The Board also wishes to thank the Sempra Energy Foundation for its financial support of OpenOceans Global's work in support of the Recovery Team.

I, David W Gibson, Executive Officer, do hereby certify the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region, on February 8, 2012.



David W. Gibson
Executive Officer