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*The mission of the
Lakeside's River Park
Conservancy
is to preserve and restore
the biological integrity
and beauty of the
San Diego River
while integrating
recreational, educational
and cultural opportunities
for youth, seniors, families
and citizens of
East San Diego County.*

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Dear Mr. Ruelas,

On behalf of Lakeside's River Park Conservancy, I would like to thank the Metropolitan Transit System for funding a portion of our *Restoration Kit* out of settlement reached with the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board. We are very grateful for your agency's assistance and support. As you may know, the *Restoration Kit* project budget contained a very detailed list of to purchase for river restoration purposes. We will be able to take the \$17,000 award from this settlement and prioritize these purchases in order to maximize our restoration objectives.

Our first priority will be to purchase equipment that will allow us to remove several invasive species on our restoration project site, primary amongst those is *Arundo donax* or giant bamboo. We will be using a combination of the California Division of Forestry Fire Crews and local volunteers to accomplish much of this task.

The Lakeside Conservancy's vision for a river park in Lakeside includes something for everyone: youth, families, seniors, and river flora and fauna. News of the Conservancy's river park vision has sparked the interest and imagination of many in and around the San Diego River Valley. As a result, plans for a 51 mile river-long San Diego River Park are well under way. You can read more on our website: www.lakesideriverpark.org.

Again, I thank you very much for your support.

Sincerely yours,

Deborah Jones
Executive Director

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