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RE: Settlement/fine for sewer spill at Buena Vista Lagoon

Gentlemen:

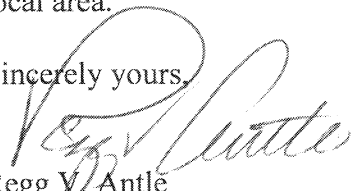
This letter is from the Buena Vista Lagoon Joint Powers Coordinating Committee (JPC), a governmental entity consisting of two council persons of each city from the cities of Oceanside and Carlsbad, and two citizen representatives from the cities. Although we have no taxing or bonding authority this informational committee discusses all matters pertinent to Buena Vista Lagoon, and reports back to the cities for appropriate action.

Buena Vista Lagoon is in sorry shape, shallowing and dying. At long last a restoration analysis is being performed. All the major agencies including the Water Quality Control Board are involved. We are in the early stages of the restoration analysis, in the preliminary engineering phase just before the EIR/EIS. Although funding sources are available for projects in and around the lagoon, it is extremely difficult to secure funding for studies and planning.

We desperately need to complete the engineering setting so that we can begin the EIR/EIS, which has been funded. We are somewhere between \$500,000 and \$800,000 dollars short. We urge you to approve an agreement between the cities and the Water Quality Control Board that specifies a \$500,000 (or more) contribution to the engineering studies for Buena Vista Lagoon restoration analysis. This would not have to be administered by the Water Quality Control Board, Deborah Ruddock of State Coastal Conservancy is the project master and would be happy to manage the funds and make sure they are correctly applied.

Funds that get transferred to Sacramento have a way of disappearing, especially in tough financial times. We urge you to separately specify any fine or settlement money as a supplemental environmental project to be utilized for Buena Vista Lagoon and stay in our local area.

Sincerely yours,



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Chairman Joint Powers Committee

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