



**SAN ELIJO
JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY**

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SUBJECT: Supplemental Environmental Project

Dear Mr. Robertus:

San Elijo Joint Powers Authority (SEJPA) supports the Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP) submitted by The Escondido Creek Conservancy (TECC) and the City of Escondido.

This project will preserve more than thirteen valuable acres of riparian and upland habitat in Escondido Creek watershed. As you are aware, water quality issues in this watershed have lead to the San Elijo Lagoon being listed as a 303d-listed impaired water body and that it flows into a Marine Protected Area (San Elijo Lagoon State Marine Park). The lagoon is listed as impaired due to excessive coliform bacteria, sediment, and nutrient loading from upstream sources. Protecting the upstream watershed is an important component to improving water quality in these low-lying areas.


The SEJPA is a joint powers authority between the cities of Encinitas and Solana Beach focused on treating and recycling wastewater in an environmentally, socially, and fiscally responsible manner. The SEJPA owns and operates the San Elijo Water Reclamation Facility that is located within the Escondido Watershed and adjacent to the San Elijo Lagoon. Annually, the SEJPA produces more than 400 million gallons of recycled water for beneficial landscape use in the cities of Del Mar, Encinitas, and Solana Beach.

The SEJPA prides itself on providing outstanding service to our customers and community, while pursuing innovative practices to produce clean water and to protect the environment.

Should you need additional information, please contact me at (760) 753-6203, ext. 72.

Sincerely,

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