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RE: Carlsbad Desalination Project (Order No.R9-2006-0065, NPDES No. CA0109223), April 9, 2008 Hearing, Agenda item #7

Dear Chairman Wright:

On behalf of the San Dieguito River Valley Regional Open Space Park Joint Powers Authority (JPA), also known as the San Dieguito River Park, I am writing you to communicate the JPA's interest in the mitigation plan associated with this Project.

The San Dieguito River Park was formed in 1989, by the County of San Diego and the Cities of Del Mar, Escondido, Poway, San Diego and Solana Beach. Our mission is to preserve and restore land within the planning area of the San Dieguito River Park as a regional open space greenway and park system that protects the natural waterways and the natural and cultural resources and sensitive lands and provides compatible recreational opportunities, including water related uses, which do not damage sensitive lands.

Our interest in the Carlsbad Desalination Project is linked to Poseidon Resources proposed coastal habitat restoration project.

In the summer of 2007, the River Park responded to Poseidon's request for expressions of interest for the development and implementation of a coastal habitat restoration project. As you are aware, a major restoration project is underway in the San Dieguito River Valley about 12 miles south of Poseidon's proposed desalination facility. This Project is being funded by Southern California Edison as mitigation for the entrainment and impingement impacts from its San Onofre Power Plant.

The restoration proposal we provided Poseidon will expand the number of acres of functional wetlands and associated

habitat in the San Dieguito Lagoon area, by supplementing the 115-acre Wetlands Restoration Project, which is currently underway.

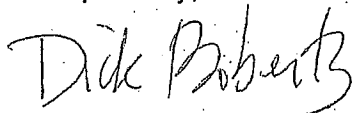
The proposed restoration projects will create approximately 37 acres of marine wetlands and additional acres of associated native grassland habitat from what is now entirely disturbed land. The project includes maintenance and monitoring to ensure the successful re-establishment of planted species. A second component of this project is funding for enhanced water quality sampling, testing and monitoring of the proposed water quality treatment ponds.

We are currently doing a feasibility study to ensure that Poseidon's proposed coastal habitat restoration project will complement the ongoing restoration project while providing additional restored habitat in the San Dieguito Lagoon that closely matches the habitat in Agua Hedionda Lagoon.

Coastal lagoons in San Diego County have evolved into priceless parcels that benefit both the environment and the public. The San Dieguito Wetland Restoration Project is a unique, environmental project that will help restore the coastal eco-system to be enjoyed by future generations of wildlife, birds, plants, fish and people. We are pleased to have an opportunity to enhance our project with the Poseidon proposal.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,



Dick Bobertz
Executive Director

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