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Ms. Jennifer Lucchesi
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Dear Ms. Lucchesi:

I am writing regarding the State Lands Commission's upcoming consideration of the Huntington Beach Desalination Project (Project).

California's Water Action Plan was developed to improve water supply reliability and create a more resilient, sustainably managed system that can better withstand inevitable and unforeseen pressures in the coming decades.

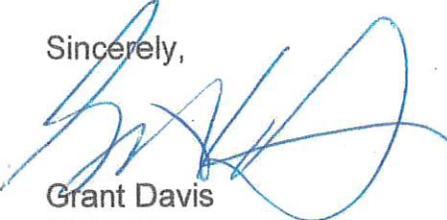
In the future, most new water will come from a combination of sources including conservation, recycling and desalination. Diversified regional water portfolios will relieve pressures on foundational supplies and make communities more resilient against drought, flood and climate change and prepare those communities for continued growth.

When economically and environmentally appropriate, desalination can reduce a region's reliability on imported supplies and better secure a region's water supplies.

Desalination is an important piece of California's overall strategy to meet current and future water supply demands. However, any desalination project needs to be designed in a way to also be protective of marine life and water quality.

The Department of Water Resources respectfully requests the Commission keep in mind the critical role desalination can have in improving water supply reliability and its environmental impacts when considering this Project.

Sincerely,



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cc: (See attached list.)

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