



# The San Diego River Park Foundation

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Ms. Cynthia Gorham-Test

San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board

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RE: Comments for the 2008 303(d) List of Water Quality Limited Segments

Dear San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board:

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My name is Shannon Quigley and I am a Field Operations Associate for the San Diego River Park Foundation. The San Diego River Park Foundation's mission is to improve, restore and cultivate a healthy river and healthy communities within the 440 square mile San Diego River watershed. The quality of water within the San Diego River watershed is very important to us as that it is vital to our mission of a healthy river. The interconnectedness of environmental systems demand attention to water quality as it affects biota, diversity, habitat and recreational value of the San Diego River and watershed. For this reason we support the additional listing of Selenium on Forester Creek.

The San Diego River offers many beneficial uses that include fishing, outdoor recreation, boating, industry, aquatic habitat and swimming to name a few. The members of the San Diego River Park Foundation work toward advancing these beneficial uses. Our River Watch monitoring program tests water quality monthly at Forester Creek as well as up and down river from the creek. Results consistently demonstrate higher levels of impairment on Forester Creek and at the next monitoring location downstream of Forester Creek's confluence with the San Diego River. Consistently nitrate readings are higher than average and dissolved oxygen is typically low. Moreover, Forester Creek characteristically has high trash and algal levels associated with storm water debris and residue from urban run-off. Additional sources of impairment in Forester Creek are of concern for us and the San Diego River Watershed. The addition of Selenium to the 303(d) list can only aid efforts to improve the health of this tributary and the San Diego River as a whole.

Thank you to the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board for your time, acceptance and consideration of our comments. Again, we support listing Selenium on the 303(d) list for Forester Creek. If you have any questions feel free to contact me either by e-mail or phone, 619-297-7380, [shannon@sandiegoriver.org](mailto:shannon@sandiegoriver.org).

Sincerely,

Shannon Quigley