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Mr. Paul Morabito, Chairman
California State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, Suite 1100
Oakland, CA. 94612

Re: CalMat Acquisition-San Diego River

Dear Chairman Morabito:

I am writing to support the Coastal Conservancy's authorization of funds to acquire lands as part of the San Diego River Park for restoration as riparian and riverine habitat. The proposed acquisition and restoration project will result in the restoration and enhancement of up to 100 acres of river habitat, creating a variety of wetland types to support several threatened and endangered species.

Currently, the City of San Diego, the City of Santee and the County of San Diego are working together to establish a river long park, the San Diego River Park, from the mountains to the sea. Your efforts to authorize funding for this critical acquisition will help making the River Park vision a reality.

The support of the Coastal Conservancy in providing funding for project planning and feasibility analyses in 2000 has been instrumental in creating the momentum for creating the San Diego River Park.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Sincerely,

J. Swaringen

Jeanne Swaringen
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California State Coastal Conservancy
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Re: CalMat Acquisition-San Diego River

Dear Chairman Morabito:

I am writing to support the Coastal Conservancy's authorization of funds to acquire lands for riparian and riverine habitat restoration in the development of the San Diego River Park. The Coastal Conservancy's funding for project planning and feasibility analyses in 2001 was instrumental in creating the momentum for creating the San Diego River Park. The current proposed project will result in the rehabilitation and enhancement of up to 100 acres of river habitat, creating a variety of wetland types to support several threatened and endangered species.

The San Diego Foundation has awarded nearly $130,000 in grants to the San Diego River Park – Lakeside Conservancy and San Diego River Park Foundation, to support the development of San Diego River Park. The 52-mile San Diego River is one of our region's major coastal watersheds, which provides critical wildlife habitat and essential open space amenities for our region's urban and rural residents.

The significance of the San Diego River Park is perhaps best evident in the recent commitment by the Cities of San Diego and Santee, and County of San Diego to work together in establishing this Park, from the mountains to the sea. Your efforts to authorize funding for this critical acquisition are pivotal in making the San Diego River Park vision a reality.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Sincerely,

Emily Young

Emily Young, Ph.D.
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October 7, 2003

Mr. Paul Morabito, Chairman
California State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, Suite 1100
Oakland, CA. 94612

Re: CalMat Acquisition-San Diego River

Dear Chairman Morabito:

I am writing to support the Coastal Conservancy's authorization of funds to acquire lands as part of the San Diego River Park for restoration as riparian and riverine habitat. The proposed acquisition and restoration project will result in the restoration and enhancement of up to 100 acres of river habitat, creating a variety of wetland types to support several threatened and endangered species.

Currently, the City of San Diego, the City of Santee and the County of San Diego are working together to establish the San Diego River Park from the mountains to the sea. Your efforts to authorize funding for this critical acquisition will help make the River Park vision a reality.

The support of the Coastal Conservancy in providing funding for project planning and feasibility analyses in 2001 has been a key factor in the our efforts to create the San Diego River Park, and we are most grateful.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Sincerely,

Jo Ann Anderson
Executive Director

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*The mission of the San Diego River Park – Lakeside Conservancy is to preserve and restore the biological integrity and beauty of the San Diego River while integrating recreational, educational and cultural opportunities for youth, seniors, families and citizens of East San Diego County.*

October 9, 2003

Mr. Paul Morabito, Chairman
California State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, Suite 1100
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Re: CalMat Acquisition-San Diego River

Dear Chairman Morabito:

I am writing on behalf of the San Diego River Park – Lakeside Conservancy in support of the Coastal Conservancy's authorization of funds to acquire lands for restoration as riparian and riverine habitat as part of the San Diego River Park. The proposed acquisition and restoration project will restore and enhance up to 100 acres of river habitat, creating a variety of wetland types to support several threatened and endangered species.

Currently, the City of San Diego, the City of Santee and the County of San Diego are working together to establish a river long park, the San Diego River Park, from the mountains to the sea. Your efforts to authorize funding for this critical acquisition will help making the River Park vision a reality.

The support to date of the Coastal Conservancy in providing funding for project planning and feasibility analyses in 2001 has been instrumental in creating the momentum for creating the San Diego River Park. I thank you for your continued support and kind consideration.

Most sincerely,

Deborah Jones

Deborah Jones
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