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November 9, 2011

Mr. Sam Schuchat, Executive Officer
California State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, Suite 1100
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Schuchat:

Subject: Support for the Los Angeles Rainwater Harvesting Project

I am writing to express the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power's (LADWP) support for The River Project's Los Angeles Rainwater Harvesting Project (Project). The Project would create a set of "Green Residence Standard Plans" for stormwater capture and is located in the heart of the San Fernando Valley just west of Woodman Avenue within the Panorama City sub-watershed of the Tujunga/Pacoima Watershed. The 44-acre Project drainage area consists of 170 single-family homes and an elementary school.

LADWP is committed to developing local, sustainable water supplies to meet the needs of the City of Los Angeles (City). In order to do so, LADWP recently adopted its 2010 Urban Water Management Plan which contains a multi-pronged approach to meeting anticipated increases in demand by combining short-term steps to enhance water conservation with long-term investments to maximize water recycling, increase stormwater capture, and expedite cleanup of the San Fernando Groundwater Basin.

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LADWP is pleased to provide staff time and expertise on the Advisory Committee, and will work to support the incorporation of Green Residence Standard Plans into the City's Green Streets Initiative.

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January 9, 2012

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Dear Mr. Schuchat,

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Sincerely,

DANA PREVOST
Grading Division Chief

Cc: Douglas Bosco, Chairman

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Please feel free to contact Mr. Andy Niknafs, Manager of Watershed Management, at (213) 367-2354 or Andy.Niknafs@ladwp.com if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



David R. Pettijohn
Manager of Water Resources

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c: Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chairman
Mr. Andy A. Niknafs

bc: David R Pettijohn
Eric M. Yoshida

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December 1, 2011

RE: Los Angeles River Rainwater Harvesting Project

Dear Mr. Schuchat;

The Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission is pleased to express its support for the work and objectives outlined in The River Project's "Los Angeles River Rainwater Harvesting Project" proposal.

Creating green neighborhoods is an important goal of the SMBRC and our partners. The proposed project is an innovative use of green infrastructure that will form an interconnected network of open areas to help manage stormwater, improve water quality, reduce flooding, and protect water local supplies in the Los Angeles River watershed. While is it outside the Santa Monica Bay watershed, we are excited about the precedent this project will set of community involvement in direct implementation and maintenance of green infrastructure

The River Project will also create a set of "Green Residence Standard Plans" that will help guide homeowners to implement green infrastructure projects on their own properties, and explain why they are so important to the future of our urban areas. This will be broadly applicable across watersheds and regions throughout southern California. The proposed modeling and monitoring will also generate much needed data on the benefits of these types of projects to water quality, water supply, and flood control. Finally, the project will also provide native habitat, access to passive and active recreation, and beautify our urban environment, creating more sustainable, healthy, livable communities.

Please give the "Los Angeles River Rainwater Harvesting Project" your fullest consideration for funding.

Sincerely,

Shelley Luce, Ph.D.
Executive Director
Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission
cc: Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chairman

our mission: to restore and enhance the santa monica bay through actions and partnerships that improve water quality, conserve and rehabilitate natural resources, and protect the bay's benefits and values



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FELIPE FUENTES
ASSEMBLYMEMBER, THIRTY-NINTH DISTRICT

December 16, 2010

Sam Schuchat, Executive Director
California State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, Suite 1100
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Schuchat:

It gives me great pleasure to support The River Project's Los Angeles Rainwater Harvesting Project application to the conservancy for the Woodman Avenue Stormwater Capture Project.

The River Project's Los Angeles Rainwater Harvesting Project has been effective in providing the tools for residents to actively contribute towards improving coastal water quality and creating sustainable neighborhoods in the Northeast San Fernando Valley. I believe that this grant will allow The River Project's Los Angeles Rainwater Harvesting Project to increase their capacity to empower property owners to include Green Street and Low-Impact Development practices on their properties and ensure long-term water supplies in the San Fernando Valley.

I urge you to give full consideration to this application. Thank you for your consideration of this request. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact my District Office at (818) 504-3911.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Felipe Fuentes".

FELIPE FUENTES
Assemblymember, 39th District

Exhibit 3: Project Letters
TONY CÁRDENAS

Los Angeles City Councilman, 6TH District



December 20, 2011

Sam Schuchat, Executive Officer
California State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, Suite 1100
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Schuchat:

I am writing this letter to express my support for the "Los Angeles Rainwater Harvesting Project." This project would create a Green Residence Standard Plan to the residents of Panorama City that would empower and educate our constituency on best practices of watershed management.

The "Los Angeles Rainwater Harvesting Project" will actively engage Panorama City homeowners by implementing cost-effective approaches to residential water harvesting and conservation. This project will engage the participation of several homeowners in the design and installation of their own rainwater harvesting system that will contribute to cost savings on homeowners' water bills. This project is a win-win for area residents, local government, and the environment. It is also consistent with previous efforts and projects done in my district.

I commend The River Project on this effort and look forward to seeing this project come to fruition.

Sincerely,

Tony Cardenas
TONY CARDENAS
Sixth District

TC:rz