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**Support For Los Angeles County South Bay Integrated Regional Water Management Plan**

Dear Messrs. Aguilar and Nagel:

Santa Monica Mountain Conservancy is pleased to support regional planning efforts in the Ballona Creek Watershed, Dominguez Watershed, and the Santa Monica Bay Watershed in the advancement of local resource development set forth under Chapter 8 of Proposition 50, Integrated Regional Water Management Planning. The Conservancy urges the State Water Resources Control Board and the California Department Of Water Resources to approve the *Los Angeles County South Bay Integrated Regional Water Management Plan Implementation Grant Under Proposition 50, Chapter 8*.

With continued long-term pressure on various watershed functions competing for limited state grant dollars, there is increased interest in multipurpose planning that simultaneously addresses water supply, water quality, habitat, and open space. Since local collaboration is expected to be an important part of integrated planning efforts, The Conservancy agrees that West Basin Municipal Water District is well positioned as the lead agency to carry out the consensus building activities anticipated under the Implementation Grant sections of Proposition 50, Chapter 8. We also believe that an Implementation Grant that combines the efforts of three adjacent watersheds in one process is consistent with the State's desire to consolidate efforts and is worthy of special consideration.

Therefore, by transmittal of this letter, The Conservancy offers its support for the *Los Angeles County South Bay Integrated Regional Water Management Plan Implementation Grant application under Proposition 50, Chapter 8*, and support West Basin Municipal Water District as the coordinating agency.

If you have any questions, please contact Paul Edelman at extension 128.

Sincerely,

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June 6, 2005

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Dear Mr. Edelman:

**Request for Support for Regional Planning Efforts in the  
Ballona Creek Watershed, Dominguez Watershed, and the  
Santa Monica Bay Watershed**

West Basin Municipal Water District (West Basin) has accepted responsibility for submitting an Implementation Grant application for three local watersheds under the Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Program (Chapter 8, Proposition 50). The application encompasses the Ballona Creek Watershed, Dominguez Watershed and the Santa Monica Bay Watershed and is represented as the Los Angeles County South Bay Integrated Regional Water Management Plan implementation grant.

One goal of the IRWM Program is to encourage multi-purpose watershed planning on a regional basis and integrate the funding needs of water supply, water quality, habitat, and open space interests.

By combining three adjacent watersheds into one implementation grant, West Basin would leverage the local collaboration and integrated planning efforts already taking place across the watershed areas. This collaborative approach is an important criterion that the California Department of Water Resources will consider when making their funding decisions.

As the lead agency, West Basin is requesting a letter from your organization in support of the Los Angeles County South Bay Integrated Regional Water Management Plan Implementation Grant application. A sample support letter is attached for your convenience. Please return your support letter *directly to our office* no later than Friday 1 July, 2005.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at (310) 660-6229.

Sincerely,

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Co- General Manager

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Enclosure

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