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Director of Legislative Affairs

November 30, 2009

The Honorable David Dreier
U.S. House of Representatives
237 Cannon Rayburn Building
Washington, DC 20515

RE: Support for Deer Creek Debris Basin Flood Reduction Project

Dear Representative Dreier:

The County of San Bernardino has identified the Deer Creek Debris Basin, located in the City of Rancho Cucamonga as an eligible project for submittal for possible inclusion in the Water Resources and Development Act (WRDA) of 2010 and thereby requests a \$7.4 million WRDA project authorization for the study and construction to expand the basin to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers standard capacity of 310 acre-feet.

The capacity of Deer Creek basin has been questioned for many years. After the 2003 Grand Prix Fire, the issue gained national attention by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the County's Congressional delegation. The San Bernardino County Flood Control District worked with U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to determine what the next step would be to improve the basin's capacity. The outcome of the meeting concluded that Congress would have to authorize a study of the basin to determine if its current capacity is less than the original design. If the study determined that the basin is smaller than the original design called for, the District and City of Rancho Cucamonga could request federal funding for the improvements. The District has completed an informal survey of the basin and estimates a total cost of \$7.4 million to expand the basin to 310 acre-feet, the standard capacity for Corps facilities.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of our request to authorize Deer Creek Debris Basin Flood Reduction Project in San Bernardino County. If you have any questions concerning the Deer Creek Debris Basin program, please do not hesitate to contact Lance Larson, the County's Director of Legislative Affairs at (909) 387-4821. The Board thanks you for your attention in this matter.

Sincerely,

GARY C. OVITT
Chairman, Board of Supervisors

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