

RAYMOND BASIN MANAGEMENT BOARD

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The Honorable David Dreier
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Dear Congressman Dreier:

We are deeply grateful for your leadership in securing authorization for the Water Supply Reliability Project (WSRP) in PL 110-114, the Water Resources Development Act of 2007 Section 5050. I am writing on behalf of the Raymond Basin Management Board, 725 North Azusa Avenue, Azusa, California 91702 to request your support to make a minor technical modification to the existing language for the WSRP.

The WSRP represents a regional solution to our water needs and provides the means both to fill our aquifers to their capacity and also move this water around the region when required. Our water supplies in the Foothills Communities of Los Angeles and San Bernardino Counties face threats from a historic drought, the growing unreliability of imported water, and the ever-present threat of natural disasters such as fires, mud slides, and earthquakes. The WSRP is a project that will increase water storage in our underground aquifers in the Raymond, Main San Gabriel, Six Basin, and Chino aquifers by hundreds of thousands of acre feet. This makes us much more self-reliant and less vulnerable to interruptions in our water supply. The WSRP will also have a much reduced energy footprint because we will be less reliant on imported water and the huge amounts of electricity that are required to move this resource into our region.

We also greatly appreciate the support of the LA District of the Corps of Engineers which committed FY08 un-obligated monies to the project and the total budget of \$256,000 allowed us to begin working in partnership with the Corps on the necessary studies. Because of this we have completed our Project Implementation Plan in June of 2009. Furthermore, the LA District of the Corps of Engineers also committed FY09 un-obligated monies to the project with total budget of \$214,000 which will make it possible for the WSRP to be ready to move forward into the next phase of work.

The Foothill communities cannot prosper without an assured, high quality, local water supply. With Climate Changes and Global Warming Impacts to an already compounded and continuing water crisis in our region, this requires making full use of the storage capacity of our underground aquifers from which nearly 2 million of our citizens depend upon for much of their drinking water supply and also the ability to move this water around our project area which includes your entire District. Because of its regional nature and the fact that our project will help to secure the water resources future for so

millions of citizens in the Foothill communities, we believe that the local-Federal partnership which we have established with the US Army Corps of Engineers represents a valuable use of taxpayer funds.

The WSRP finds itself at a critical crossroads. Because of the existing WRDA is in the General Investigation Account, even though we will be ready but we won't be able to move forward into the design and construction phase. If the WSRP is to move forward, it is essential that you support our request to make a minor technical modification to the existing WRDA language so the WSRP can be in Section 219 (f) ready for the design and construction phase.

Modify Water Resources Development Act of 2007 Section 5050

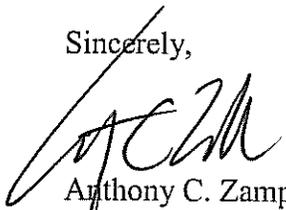
Water Resources Development Act of 2010 Section ~~XXXX~~ Environmental Infrastructure

(x) Raymond Basin, Six Basins, Chino Basin, and San Gabriel Basin, California. - Section 219(f) of the Water Resources Development Act of 1992 (P.L. 106 Stat. 4835) as amended, is further amended to include the project authorized under the Water Resources Development Act of 2007 Section 5050 (P.L. 110-114, 121 Stat. 1041); Raymond Basin, Six Basins, Chino Basin, and San Gabriel Basin, California.

Please note that this language is the result of extensive consultations with staff at the LA District of the Corps of Engineers.

Thank you for all of your past assistance and for your support of our request.

Sincerely,



Anthony C. Zampello
Executive Officer
Raymond Basin Management Board