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Director of Legislative Affairs

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

RE: Support for West State Street Flood Protection Project

Dear Representative Dreier:

The County of San Bernardino has identified the West State Street Flood Protection Project, located in the City of Montclair as an eligible project for submittal for possible inclusion in the Water Resources and Development Act (WRDA) of 2010 and thereby requests a \$9.14 million WRDA project authorization for the study and construction of approximately 6000 feet of channel along Montclair’s West State Street, between Central Avenue and Mountain Avenue. The plans and specifications are complete and the project is “shovel-ready”. The proposed improvements will bring the entire West State Street storm drain to ultimate capacity. Once completed, the project will provide a regional benefit since it conveys flows from the City of Ontario west through the City of Montclair to the San Antonio Channel.

The completion of the system will also encourage further development and growth in the City of Montclair which will positively impact and stimulate the local economy and lead to further economic growth. The construction of these improvements will also reduce the District’s vulnerability to emergency repair costs due to major flood events. These otherwise “emergency” funds will be able to be spent by the San Bernardino County Flood Control District on other infrastructure projects that themselves will in turn lead to greater economic growth.

The project fits in with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers’ mission to reduce public risk from disasters and to promote an energized economy. The proposed improvements will reduce the potential for major flooding along the project site and preserve the safety and well being of both life and structures. The improvements will also provide and sustain vital infrastructure necessary to allow the community to continue to grow.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of our request to authorize the West State Street Flood Protection Project in San Bernardino County. If you have any questions concerning the San Sevaire 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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