



# RAYMOND BASIN MANAGEMENT BOARD

The Honorable David Dreier  
233 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington DC 20515

Dear Congressman Dreier:

I am writing on behalf of the Raymond Basin Management Board, 725 North Azusa Avenue, Azusa, California 91702 to request your support for the inclusion of \$1.5 million in the FY10 Energy and Water Appropriations Bill, Corps of Engineers General Investigation Account, on behalf of the Water Supply Reliability Project [WSRP]. We are deeply grateful for your leadership in securing authorization for the WSRP in PL 110-114, the Water Resources Development Act of 2007.

We also appreciate the support of the LA District of the Corps of Engineers which committed FY08 un-obligated monies to the project and allowed us to begin working in partnership with the Corps on the necessary studies. Because of this we will be able to complete our Project Implementation Plan by Spring 2009 and be ready to move on to the next phase of work. As you know, last year the Raymond Basin Management Board, as lead agency, entered into a matching fund agreement with the Army Corps of Engineers that allowed us to continue with a total budget of \$256,000. Unfortunately, the FY09 Omnibus Appropriations bill contains no provision for the WSRP, so funding is critical in FY10 if our local/Federal partnership is to continue.

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 earthquakes. The WSRP is a project that will increase water storage in our underground aquifers in the Raymond and San Gabriel 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 Foothill communities cannot prosper without an assured, high quality, local water supply. 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

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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 “no new start” policy in the FY09 Omnibus Appropriations bill, Federal support for our effort will not be available for the remainder of the current fiscal year. If the WSRP is to move forward, it is essential that the Federal funding portion of this partnership be restored in the FY10 Energy and Water Appropriations Bill, Corps of Engineers, General Investigation Account. Thank you for all of your past assistance and for your support of our FY10 funding request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Shan Kwan", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Shan Kwan  
Chairman