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The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Chairman
California State Lands Commission
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RE: Huntington Beach Seawater Desalination Project Supplemental EIR - SUPPORT

Dear Chairman Newsom:

I'm writing to ask you and your colleagues on the State Lands Commission (SLC) to certify the Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) and approve the lease amendment for the Huntington Beach Desalination Project.

There have been significant technological improvements made to the project since the SLC originally approved the lease for this project in 2010. One millimeter wedgewire screens have been added and a far slower flow rate ensure that marine life impacts on the intake side are minimal with no fish impacted and only an extremely small number of microscopic fish eggs or larvae that are smaller than the width of a credit card that may be affected.

Similarly, the SEIR concludes that technological improvements on the brine diffuser ensures no significant impact on marine life. Within a few dozen feet of the outfall pipe, seawater returns to ambient salinity levels.

No endangered or threatened species of any kind will be impacted at all by this project.

The public benefit of this project is clear. The Orange County Water District (OCWD) has expressed an interest in adding desalinated water to its water portfolio so that it can protect the groundwater basin from the "boom and bust" nature of our increasingly dry climate. The project will also reduce Orange County's dependence on imported water, which is more critical than ever.

Technological advances now allow Poseidon to produce the same 50 million gallons of desalinated drinking water every day while using 30 percent less seawater than was needed when the project came before the SLC seven years ago.

I am grateful to the SLC staff for all of its hard work in preparing this document and looking forward to the approval of this important water reliability project at the SLC hearing this fall.

Sincerely,

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_____ [City]

cc:

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