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November 26, 2012

Thomas V. Wornham  
Chairman  
San Diego County Water Authority  
4677 Overland Avenue  
San Diego, CA 92123

## Re: Carlsbad Desalination Water Purchase Agreement

Dear Chairman Wornham and Board Members:

I represent thousands of constituents in north San Diego County. The water restrictions of the past few years have negatively affected a number of small businesses and farms in my district. I continue to support the Carlsbad Desalination Project in the hopes of reducing our need for imported water.

More than 2,000 construction jobs will be created, and millions of dollars in local spending and tax revenues will be generated through the completion of this plant. The project has already begun site preparation and is ready to break ground for full-time construction.

A few groups are determined to delay this project by making unfounded accusations against this well-vetted project. Every delay results in another month that local workers go without steady employment and our local communities must continue to be dependent on scarce and expensive imported water. Left unchecked these groups will continue to find ways to interrupt this project, which will only result in higher construction cost.

The time to move forward on this project is now! Nothing will be gained from further construction delays. The County Water Authority staff has done a thorough job creating a fair and balanced Water Purchase Agreement. I urge the Board to move forward on this Agreement, and take proactive steps to reduce our region's reliance on imported water. Thank you for your attention to this important regional matter.

Sincerely,

MARK WYLAND  
38<sup>th</sup> Senate District

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