

May 11, 2006

The Honorable Henry A. Waxman
2204 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

RE: Support for Las Virgenes Municipal Water District Applications

Dear Congressman Waxman:

The City of Agoura Hills respectfully urges your support for funding of several initiatives that support ongoing efforts to reduce non-native flows and improve the sensitive environment of the Malibu Creek Watershed and the Santa Monica Mountains.

The Las Virgenes Municipal Water District (LVMWD) has been required by the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board to reduce its discharge of highly treated recycled water into Malibu Creek. LVMWD has long taken a leadership role in environmental stewardship and watershed stewardship. The district has worked diligently to develop new, innovative programs that will enable it to divert additional water from Malibu Creek.

To that end, we are pleased to support LVMWD's applications for federal assistance with the following projects:

- 1. Recycled Water Pump Station Expansion:** A project to upgrade the capacity to pump treated effluent out of the Malibu Creek Watershed for recycled use and for authorized discharge to the Los Angeles River.
- 2. Raw Wastewater Diversion to reduce inflow to the Tapia Water Reclamation Facility:** A project to divert wastewater from a portion of the LVMWD service area that lies within the LA River Watershed to be treated at a City of Los Angeles' sewage treatment plant, thus limiting inflow and outflow from the LVMWD treatment facility in Malibu Canyon.
- 3. Watershed Education:** A partnership project involving outreach and education to benefit students in the Las Virgenes Unified School District, including at-risk youth, through hands-on watershed education programs in the Malibu Creek watershed.

We appreciate your consideration of these important funding needs as they benefit the entire service area, which includes our city.

Sincerely,

Cc: Senator Diane Feinstein
Senator Barbara Boxer