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The Honorable Deirdre (Dede) Alpert
California State Senate
P.O. Box 942848
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Dear Senator Alpert:

REQUEST FOR REAPPROPRIATION OF SAN DIEGO RIVER CONSERVANCY'S FY 03/04 SUPPORT BUDGET

The purpose of this letter is to thank you for meeting with me briefly on June 14, 2004 and to formally request your assistance in preventing the loss of the San Diego River Conservancy's (SDRC's) FY 03/04 Support Budget on June 30. As you know, the Conservancy is requesting the reappropriation of its FY 03/04 Support Budget because it has only recently selected its first Executive Officer and has not yet had an opportunity to expend the Support Budget for its intended purpose.

If reappropriated, the SDRC would use the funds to conduct one-time big picture planning activities including establishing Programs and setting priorities for the expenditure of Capital Outlay funds per the enabling statute. The SDRC's FY 04/05 Support Budget will be used to conduct day-to-day business and to initiate implementation of the Conservancy's newly established Programs and priorities.

Request to Extend Deadline to Encumber Remaining \$7.8 Million Capital Outlay Funds

The SDRC also requests your assistance in securing an extension of the deadline to encumber the remaining \$7.8 million of Capital Outlay funds appropriated to the Resources Agency and earmarked for the San Diego River (Propositions 13 and 40 three-year appropriations in Budget Act FY 02/03). We are requesting extension of the deadline (from June 2005 to June 2007) to allow the Conservancy time to establish priorities and thoroughly assess all potential acquisition opportunities. Although the SDRC will not be precluded from acting at any time, the extension of the deadline will provide significantly greater flexibility and ensure the most wise and best expenditure of the funds.

Other Support

Assemblymember Christine Kehoe and her staff are very supportive of the SDRC's requests. I have also discussed these requests with Mr. David Harper and Mr. John Lloyd of the Department of Finance, as well as with Undersecretary Karen Scarborough and Mr. Don Wallace of the Resources Agency. In addition, I have contacted each of the Chief Consultants for the numerous applicable Appropriations, Budget and Fiscal Committees (for both houses and both parties), the

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Legislative Analyst's Office, and the Chiefs of Staff for key legislative Committee Members to keep them informed and ask for their support.

Support of SDRC Governing Board Members

Although the Conservancy's Governing Board as a whole has not had an opportunity to formally support the above actions (next Board meeting is not until July 9), I have individually briefed nearly all of the Board members. Each of the Board members I have spoken to is individually very supportive and most appreciative of your efforts to prevent the loss of the Conservancy's existing resources and to provide it with greater fiscal flexibility.

Conclusion

Based on follow-up conversations with Mr. Bob Franzoia and Ms. Miriam Ingenito, it is my understanding that you are willing to put the SDRC's request for reappropriation of its FY 03/04 Support Budget on the "NIC" List for consideration by the Budget Conference Committee. It is my understanding that you may also be willing to consider adding the deadline extension request to the NIC list as well. I want to sincerely thank you for your support.

I have prepared the following information for the Department of Finance and would be happy to forward a copy to you or your staff upon request:

- Proposed FY 04/05 Support Budget for San Diego River Conservancy
- Proposed Expenditures for Reappropriated FY 03/04 Support Budget
- Proposed "Baseline" Expenditures for FY 05/06
- Detailed Justification for Request to Reappropriate FY 03/04 Support Budget and Request to Extend Deadline to Encumber \$7.8 million Capital Outlay Funds

Senator Alpert, I would also once again like to personally thank you for co-authoring the legislation that created the San Diego River Conservancy and for your current efforts to help ensure its success. I look forward to working with you in the future. Please let me know if additional information is needed or if I should plan to attend an upcoming Budget Conference Committee meeting. I can be reached at (858) 467-2972 (office phone) or (858) 336-2324 (cell phone) or by e-mail at djayne@rb9.swrcb.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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Executive Officer

cc by e-mail:

Assemblymember Christine Kehoe, Seventy-Sixth District, Speaker pro Tempore
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Michael Müller, Chief of Staff for Assemblymember Kehoe
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Don Wallace, Assistant Secretary of Administration and Finance, Resources Agency
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