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David King Chairman California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region 9174 Sky Park Ct, Suite 100 San Diego, CA 92123

Dear Mr. King:

We would like to offer our strong support for the rescission of the South Bay Power Plant (SBPP) discharge permit this year as recommended by your staff. We also wish to emphasize that we expect to see permanent closure of this plant by the end of 2010.

Furthermore, we strongly support the termination of the remaining two operating units of the South Bay Power Plant as early as possible. We believe that the evidence in the record demonstrating higher biological impacts from cooling use of the bay water occurring from May through August is sufficient evidence for the Board to terminate the discharge as of June 1, 2010. However, the Board must terminate the permit this year to ensure that the plant does not continue to operate beyond the end of 2010.

The evidence in the record is clear and compelling—there are significant, damaging and avoidable impacts from the continued operations of the South Bay Power Plant. Beyond the environmental impacts, the economic blight and the toll that the power plant has taken on the lives of South Bay residents cannot be overstated. It is time to allow our community to enter a new, cleaner, healthier era.

We urge you to rescind the discharge permit of the SBPP on May 12. Thank you for your consideration.

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Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Bob Filner

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