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Mr John Robertus
Regional Water Quality Control Board
9174 Sky Park Court, Suite 100
San Diego CA 92123

RE: Carlsbad Desalination Plant
File Ref: W26202; R15906

Dear Mr Robertus,

As a former member of the Carlsbad City Council, I am writing you in support of the Carlsbad Desalination Project. Prior to joining the City Council, I serve ed as a member of of the Seawater Desalination Stakeholders Group, a community organization designed to provide input to the Carlsbad Desalination Project's develop, Poseidon Resources Corporation. Consequently, I have many years of experience on this project and its journey through the local and state permitting process.

Much focus has been placed on the regional importance of this project in terns of a drought-proof water supply during a time of mandatory water cutbacks and restrictions. But equally important for many of us in Carlsbad is the role that the project will play in preserving the marine environment. Poseidon will also take on the restoration and enhancement of up to 55.4 acres of coastal wetlands habitat as documented in its Marine Life Mitigation Plan.

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This plan fully mitigates for the minimal marine impacts of the Desalination Project anticipated to occur after the Power Station is decommissioned. This level of mitigation is not only consistent with the applicable policies of the federal, state, regimental and local regulatory agencies, it exceeds the mitigation formulas typically used by state agencies and will result in the addition of valuable le acreage for wetland species completely unaffected by the desalination plant's operations. It was created in concert with a variety of regulatory agencies (including the regional board) and had received all necessary approvals with the exception of the Regional Water Quality Control Board.

After ten years of planning and study, I firmly believe the Carlsbad desalination plant is an environmentally responsible solution to the regional water reliability needs. The Carlsbad Desalination Project is not only a water supply, but a significant water storage environmental enhance, preservation and restoration project. Without any hesitation, this project deserves your full support.

Respectfully,

Julianne Nygaard

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