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John Robertus, Executive Officer  
Attn: Mike Porter  
CA Regional Water Quality Control Board - San Diego Region  
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Re: Gregory Canyon Landfill Project, Item No. R9-2009C-073

Dear Mr. Robertus:

As a former State Senator, I've always believed that it is more important to do what is right than what is popular. Landfills are not popular, but they are certainly necessary for the health and welfare of our population. That is why I am a firm supporter of the Gregory Canyon Landfill project, which will be the first new landfill sited in San Diego County in decades.

As an elected official who has fought for our environment, I would not endorse a project that I felt would be harmful. The landfill has been in development since the early 1990s, and has been designed with state-of-the-art technology to ensure it will have the most advanced liner protection of any landfill in San Diego County, far surpassing the current systems of Otay, Miramar and Sycamore landfills.

This project is not sited along the San Luis Rey River; it is not even located within its 100-year or 500-year floodplain. In addition, the project includes a sophisticated monitoring and collection system and a dedicated groundwater treatment plant to ensure that water quality in the surrounding areas is not affected. This has been confirmed in an independent peer review of the groundwater monitoring system by SDSU Professor Emeritus David Huntley as well.

The Gregory Canyon Bridge, which is under review by the Regional Water Quality Control Board, has been designed to satisfy all water quality requirements, and will have no significant non-mitigable impacts on the river or surrounding areas. In addition, the project developers will dedicate 1,300 acres of their overall site as permanent open space that will serve as natural preserve and wildlife habitat.

In my opinion, this project has demonstrated that it can be safely built and operated in compliance with CEQA and that it meets all of the requirements of the Section 401 Water Quality Certification. Please approve the permits for the Gregory Canyon Bridge at your earliest opportunity.

Sincerely,



Lucy Killea  
Former California State Senator

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