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Chairman Richard Wright
San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board
9174 Sky Park Court, Suite 100
San Diego, CA 92123

RE: Carlsbad Desalination Project (Order No.R9-2006-0065, NPDES No. CA0109223)

Dear Chairman Wright:

I am writing to request your support for the Carlsbad Desalination Plant (Order No.R9-2006-0065, NPDES No. CA0109223). This critical local water supply project is scheduled to be reviewed by the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board on Wednesday, April 9, 2008.

The Carlsbad desalination project is a public-private partnership involving nine San Diego County public water agencies. The project will provide 50 million gallons per day of potable water – enough for 300,000 San Diego County residents annually - and account for approximately 10 percent of the region's water supply.

I have strongly advocated that California must take bold steps to protect its natural resources while enhancing its drinking water supplies. To this end, the California Department of Water Resources' Water Plan Update identifies the need for 500,000 acre feet of desalinated water by 2030. Diversifying the state's water supplies will help protect California against a drought-related economic and public health crisis.

I urge you and the members of the Regional Board to join me in supporting the Carlsbad Desalination Project.

Respectfully,

Martin Garrick
Assembly District 74

cc:

- David King, Vice Chairman
- Susan Ritschel, Board Member
- Eric Anderson, Board Member
- Wayne Rayfield, Board Member
- Elizabeth Pearson-Schneider, Board Member
- Kris Weber, Board Member
- John Robertus, Executive Director