Attention
Mike Porter

John Robertus, Executive Officer
C/O Mike Porter
CA Regional Water Quality Control Board
San Diego Region
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San Diego, CA 92123-4340

Re: Gregory Canyon Project – Section 401 Water Quality Certification Permit

Dear Mr. Robertus:

I am a Director for the Fallbrook Public Utility District (FPUD), which provides water and wastewater services to more than 35,000 residents in the Fallbrook community. I am writing this letter in regards to the Gregory Canyon Landfill project.

At first, I was in opposition to the landfill. I was concerned about its potential effect on the water quality of the San Luis Rey River and how it might impact nearby communities. But as I learned more about the project, my opinion changed completely and I am now in full support.

The landfill site is not adjacent to the San Luis Rey River as opponents have claimed; it is not even within its 500-year floodplain. This project will also have a 5-layer, double composite system; a state-of-the-art liquid collection and containment system; and a groundwater treatment plant that will protect water quality in the area.

The project Environmental Impact Report demonstrates that the Gregory Canyon Bridge can be built and operated in accordance with the water quality requirements of the Section 401 Water Quality Certification Permit. Bridge construction will impact only .0002 acres permanently and less than half an acre will be temporarily affected by vegetation clearance. The bridge piers will have no significant scour impact on the SDCWA aqueduct pipelines and no significant impact on the capacity of the San Luis Rey River to convey flood flows. The project also includes a series of construction and post-construction Best Management Practices which will minimize sediment deposition and the release of contaminants.

There are only a few landfills operating in San Diego and none of them provide the level of safety and environmental protection included in the Gregory Canyon Project. This project has demonstrated it will not harm the water quality of the San Luis Rey River or surrounding habitats. It deserves your approval and I urge you to issue the required 401certification permit so this project can move forward in the permitting process.

Sincerely,

Keith Battle
Director, Fallbrook Public Utility District

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