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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Andree Greenberg
California Regional Water Quality Control Board
1515 Clay St., Suite 1400
Oakland, CA 94612

Re: Order and Self-Monitoring Program for the South Bay Salt Ponds Restoration Project, Phase I

Dear Ms. Greenberg:

Resources Legacy Fund is a 501c3, environmental conservation public charity operating out of Sacramento, California and overseeing the investments of several private family foundations in the South Bay Salt Ponds project. We have been involved in this project since acquisition and are extremely familiar with the project design and management plan.

On behalf of the Board of Resources Legacy Fund (RLF), I would like to indicate RLF's strong support of the California Regional Water Quality Control Board's approval of the Tentative Order and Self-Monitoring Program for Phase I of the South Bay Salt Ponds Restoration Project.

The considerable size and beneficial impacts of this project make it one of the most important wetland restorations on the West Coast. The resulting restoration of much needed habitat, the opportunities for increased public access to the Bay, and the crucial flood protection benefits that will help mitigate the impacts of climate change will benefit Bay Area residents, businesses, and visitors for generations to come. There has been a significant investment of private and public funding to support the acquisition of this land and the development of a scientifically sound adaptive management restoration plan.

RLF encourages the California Regional Water Quality Control Board to issue discharge permits and water quality certification per the Tentative Order and Self-Monitoring Program at the August 13th meeting. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,



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Executive Director

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