

APPENDIX E

**SOUTH ORANGE COUNTY IRWM PLAN
LETTERS OF SUPPORT FROM NON-AGENCY ORGANIZATIONS, COMMUNITY
GROUPS, AND OTHERS**

Organizations, community groups and others have provided Letters of Support in coordination, development and implementation of the South Orange County Integrated Regional Water Management Plan. Copies of the letters are included on the following pages.

- » Audubon California, Starr Ranch Sanctuary
- » Fluvial Tech Inc.
- » MIOCEAN
- » Penny Elia, Environmental Advocate
- » South Laguna Civic Association
- » Surfrider Foundation

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Audubon CALIFORNIA

Starr Ranch Sanctuary

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February 5, 2013

Marilyn Thoms,
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Dear Mrs. Thoms:

I am pleased to write this letter of support for the South Orange County Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) projects that seek Proposition 84 funding. The National Audubon Society is an over 100 year old 501(c)3 nonprofit organization whose mission is to conserve and restore natural ecosystems, focusing on birds, other wildlife, and their habitats for the benefit of humanity and the earth's biological diversity. At Audubon Starr Ranch, we've worked to restore and monitor a 125-acre riparian corridor, Bell Creek, that is an important tributary of San Juan Creek. Thus, our strong interest in and support for the South Orange County Integrated Regional Water Management plan.

The IRWM takes a progressive and inclusive approach to water conservation in the region. Audubon Starr Ranch is proud to offer its support for the South Orange County IRWM.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sandra DeSimone".

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June 26, 2013

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Subject: FluvialTech Letter of Support for South Orange County IRWM Plan Adoption

Dear Mrs. Thoms:

FluvialTech Inc. supports the update and implementation of the South Orange County Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWM Plan). Through participation in workshops and meetings FluvialTech contributed in the development of the IRWM Plan, and supports the IRWM Plan update in accordance with CWC §10543.

FluvialTech appreciates the opportunity to be part of the IRWM Group along with numerous South County cities, special districts, the County of Orange, and other stakeholders.

FluvialTech recognizes that improved coordination among local agencies with shared responsibilities for watershed management, clean water programs, water supplies, development of local resources, and protection of our natural resources are necessary to support our mission of Integrated, Healthy and Balanced Watersheds.

The IRWM Group, facilitated by the County of Orange, has prepared a comprehensive IRWM Plan covering the South Orange County Watershed Management Area, a Region adopted by the state in 2009. FluvialTech supports ongoing funding and implementation of the IRWM Plan and will formally adopt the 2013 IRWM Plan by May 2013.

Sincerely,

FluvialTech Inc.



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RE: Letter of Support for South Orange County IRWM Plan Adoption

Dear Mrs. Thoms:

The Miocean Foundation supports the update and implementation of the South Orange County Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWM Plan). As you know, Miocean is a 501(c)3 non-profit foundation focused entirely on raising private sector funds to fortify local government efforts to remove ocean pollution in Orange County.

We recognize and applaud the IRWM Plan which facilitates improved coordination among local agencies with shared responsibilities for watershed management, clean water programs, water supplies, development of local resources, and protection of our natural resources. Miocean welcomes the organization that the IRWM Plan brings to prioritize and effectually implement projects that improve watersheds in South Orange County.

There are many worthy projects throughout the south coast area, we look forward to future collaborations. Thank you for your interest in Miocean.

Best Regards,

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July 8, 2013

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Subject: Letter of Support and Encouragement for South Orange County
IRWM Plan Adoption

Dear Ms. Thoms:

Please allow this letter to serve as my personal support for the update and implementation of the South Orange County Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWM Plan). I participated in the development of the IRWM Plan, and support the IRWM Plan update in accordance with CWC §10543.

I appreciate the opportunity to be part of the IRWM Group along with other important stakeholders that understand the importance of working together towards solutions. It is a daunting job and our goals are not always achieved, but we must continue to work together. We may sometimes differ on the details, but we all agree that water quality and resources are a priority.

Improved coordination among local agencies with shared responsibilities for watershed management, clean water programs, water supplies, development of local resources, and protection of our natural resources are necessary to support the goal of Integrated, Healthy and Balanced Watersheds.

The IRWM Group, facilitated by the County of Orange, has prepared a comprehensive IRWM Plan covering the South Orange County Watershed Management Area, a Region adopted by the state in 2009. I support ongoing funding and implementation of the IRWM Plan and the 2013 IRWM Plan adoption.

Sincerely,

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Subject: South Laguna Civic Association
Letter of Support for South Orange County IRWM Plan Adoption

The South Laguna Civic Association (SLCA), established in 1946, supports the update and implementation of the South Orange County Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWM Plan). The SLCA has participated in the development of the IRWM Plan over several decades in a variety of iterations and supports the IRWM Plan update in accordance with CWC §10543.

As the community most impacted by shortcomings in management of the Aliso Creek Watershed, we remain dedicated to being part of the IRWM Group along with numerous South County cities, special districts, the County of Orange, and other stakeholders. SLCA input on watershed issues since the early 1970's promotes restoring creek flows to pre-development levels as guaranteed by inland development Conditions of Approval. While the IRWM is deficient in expanding recycled wastewater for regional wildland fire suppression, we look forward to improved service to all of Laguna Beach and high fire risk areas in Laguna Canyon and Aliso Canyon. More strategic use of recycled water means less ocean pollution.

The South Laguna Civic Association recognizes that improved education about impacts to coastal receiving waters and coordination among local agencies with shared responsibilities for watershed management, clean water programs, water supplies, development of local resources, and protection of our natural resources are necessary to support the mission of Integrated, Healthy and Balanced Watersheds. Allowing the flow of polluted summer urban runoff into local creeks must be aggressively abated to achieve mission objectives and to assure healthy beaches and a clean, clear ocean.

The IRWM Group, facilitated by the County of Orange, has prepared a comprehensive IRWM Plan covering the South Orange County Watershed Management Area, a Region adopted by the state in 2009. The SLCA supports ongoing funding and implementation of the IRWM Plan and the 2013 IRWM Plan adoption while advocating for restoration of natural processes in the watershed. Studies confirm restoration of natural features including the Aliso Beach Estuary Wetlands and reforestation of Aliso & Wood Canyons with native flora and fauna is the most efficacious, cost-effective, long term solution to improved bioregional watersheds.

Significant work remains to restore functioning watersheds. The support of stakeholders and sufficient funding targeted to achieve IRWD goals are central to success. Thank you for your dedicated efforts to promote healthier, natural watersheds throughout South Orange County.

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June 24, 2013

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Subject: Surfrider Foundation Letter of Support for South Orange County IRWM Plan Adoption

Dear Ms. Thoms:

Surfrider Foundation and our South Orange County Chapter support the update and implementation of the South Orange County Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWM Plan). Surfrider Foundation participated in the development of the IRWM Plan, and supports the IRWM Plan update in accordance with CWC §10543.

Surfrider Foundation and our South Orange County Chapter appreciate the opportunity to be part of the IRWM Group along with numerous South County cities, special districts, the County of Orange, and other stakeholders.

Surfrider Foundation recognizes that improved coordination among local agencies with shared responsibilities for watershed management, clean water programs, water supplies, development of local resources, and protection of our natural resources are necessary to support the goal of Integrated, Healthy and Balanced Watersheds.

The IRWM Group, facilitated by the County of Orange, has prepared a comprehensive IRWM Plan covering the South Orange County Watershed Management Area, a Region adopted by the state in 2009. Surfrider Foundation supports ongoing funding and implementation of the IRWM Plan and the 2013 IRWM Plan adoption.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rick Wilson".

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