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Mr. Chris Zirkle
Development Services Department
City of San Diego
1222 First Avenue, MS 501
San Diego, CA 92101

Dear Mr. Zirkle,

I am writing to express the San Diego River Conservancy's strong support for the West Point Loma Boulevard Wetland Restoration Project at Famosa Slough.

As I am sure you are aware, the time constraints for completing the project before the funding expires are very tight. In order to receive all the necessary grant funds for restoration work, strict timelines must be met and all restoration work must be completed by the end of December 2005. The project will restore about one and a half acres of wetland and the same of upland habitats. It is one of the largest of the projects recommended in the City's Famosa Slough Enhancement Plan and is critical for increasing tidal wetland habitat within the San Diego River system.

The San Diego River Conservancy strongly urges the City of San Diego to expedite the City's permitting process in order to allow the restoration work to begin. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Deborah S. Jayne
Executive Officer
San Diego River Conservancy