



**Tijuana River National Estuarine Research Reserve**

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Mr. Michael Handal, Project Manager  
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Dear Mr. Handal,

The California Department of Parks and Recreation would like to express its support for the Flood Corridor Program Grant application for the Brown Fill Removal Project, Tijuana River Valley, City of San Diego. The Department manages Border Field State Park, a part of Tijuana River National Estuarine Research Reserve. This project will remove a large unlawful fill that could potentially contribute great quantities of sediment to the Tijuana River Estuary. Such sediment inputs could adversely affect the ecology of the Estuary. We feel that the Brown fill removal Project will be an effective way to eliminate this threat and to protect Research Reserve.

Sincerely,

Michael L. Wells, Ph.D.  
Reserve Manager