



September 6, 2012

Honorable Marion Ashley, President
BOARD OF DIRECTORS, SALTON SEA AUTHORITY
44-199 Monroe Street, Suite C
Indio, California 92201

Re: Letter of Commitment in Support of the Habitat Creation and Enhancement Proposal
submitted by Desert Cahuilla Wetlands

Consideration of Torres Martinez Request to Salton Sea Authority to Submit a Grant
Proposal under the Salton Sea Financial Assistance Plan on their Behalf
RESOLUTION NO. 12-01

Dear Mr. Ashley,

Citizens United for Resources and the Environment (“CURE”) is in full support of the referenced project. CURE is a non-profit organization which focuses on promoting environmental awareness and fostering environmental justice.

In 2002, the Tribal Council of the Torrez Martinez Desert Cahuilla Tribe decided to take a proactive approach to the transfer of water away from the Salton Sea caused by the Quantification Settlement Agreement between the State of California and four water agencies (the “QSA”). In a decade, the Desert Cahuilla Wetlands has evolved into a unique pilot project that is leading the way forward, by demonstrating potentially scalable solutions to the larger, long-range problem of mitigating the impacts of the Sea’s decline.

CURE is currently partnering with the Wetlands on the Desert Environmental Empowerment Campaign (“DEEC”), a proposal submitted to the California Air Quality Management District under the AB 1318 Mitigation Fees Fund. The scope of work includes improvements which will enhance and expand the Wetlands. This will directly improve air quality in designated environmental justice (“EJ”) areas. Reductions of PM2.5 and PM-10 will be achieved through tangible physical steps, the results of which will be measured against baseline data.

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The scope of work proposed in the subject Habitat Creation and Enhancement Proposal is consistent with, and dovetails nicely into the work plan detailed in the DEEC. CURE is prepared to assist The Desert Cahuilla Wetlands and its management as-needed in support of this most worthy request.

Sincerely,

MALISSA HATHAWAY McKEITH
President