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Michael R. Markus
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Orange County Water District
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Re: City of La Habra Support for Orange County Water District Alternative Plan for Basin 8-1 Under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act

Dear Mr. Markus:

The City of La Habra ("City") supports Orange County Water District's Alternative Plan under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act. The City recognizes OCWD's dilemma in satisfying the Department of Water Resources' requirement that the OCWD Alternative Plan must cover portions of Basin 8-1 (DWR Bulletin 118) which are outside of OCWD's jurisdiction. So, when we met in June this year the City agreed to collaborate with OCWD in preparation of the OCWD Alternative Plan. Reciprocally, OCWD adopted a resolution in support the City's request to DWR to re-establish the La Habra Basin as separate from the balance of Basin 8-1.

The City staff, consultants and attorneys have collaborated with OCWD in the development of the OCWD Alternative Plan. The Plan accurately characterizes La Habra Basin as a management area separate and apart from the OCWD management area, even though both are depicted in Bulletin 118 as being within Basin 8-1. The OCWD Alternative plan also accurately describes the City as the recognized the GSA for groundwater resources underlying the cities of La Habra and Brea. The Plan also accurately describes the City's past and current sustainable groundwater management practices and City's intent to develop a Groundwater Sustainability Plan under SGMA for the La Habra management area. The City endorses the portions of the OCWD Alternative Plan which describe the La Habra management area and the past and intended future groundwater sustainability actions therein.

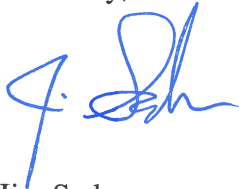
Separate and independent sustainable groundwater management programs for the Orange County Basin and the La Habra Basin have co-existed for many years. The City of La Habra fully intends that relationship to continue into the future. To that end, the City, as GSA for La Habra Basin, will continue to cooperate and collaborate with OCWD on mutual concerns related to SGMA and to sustainable groundwater management practices.

The City of La Habra endorses those portions of the OCWD Alternative Plan related to the La Habra management area and fully supports OCWD's efforts to comply with SGMA through the OCWD Alternative Plan. If OCWD desires, you may use this letter as part of the

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OCWD Alternative Plan submittal to DWR.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. Sadro", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jim Sadro
City Manager

CC: City Manager, City of Brea
City Manager, City of Fullerton