

August XXX, 2006

The Honorable Arnold Schwarzenegger
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Dear Governor Schwarzenegger:

RE: SUPPORT FOR REAPPOINTMENT OF FRANCINE DIAMOND

I strongly encourage you to reappoint Francine Diamond to the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board ("Regional Board"). She has served with distinction and has provided immeasurable leadership as a member, twice elected Chair and current Vice Chair of the Regional Board.

There can be no doubt that the Regional Board, and the Los Angeles/Ventura area which serves over 10 million people, have benefited greatly from her service. Under her guidance, the Regional Board's actions have moved Los Angeles--and the nation--towards cleaner, healthier water quality and made truly significant strides in the area of coastal protection. With over 55 million visitors to our beaches each year, and a coastal economy of over \$2 billion annually, Ms. Diamond's commonsense approach to the overwhelming problem of trash and bacteria in our waters, and her encouragement of sound scientific solutions that benefit both the environment and the economy have been critical to the state's progress towards clean water.

Ms. Diamond's calm and positive demeanor and her clear vision allow her to focus on the heart of an issue. Her straightforward style is well received by the regulated community, industry, fellow Board members, staff as well as the environmental community. Her leadership is informed by extensive knowledge of the Clean Water Act and the State water code, as well as a good deal of sorely needed common sense. Her respectful attention to all those who appear before the Regional Board is greatly appreciated by the regulated community and environmental advocates alike.

Reappointment of Francine Diamond is absolutely critical to the Regional Board's efforts to make our waters safe and healthy because of her experience and programmatic leadership. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,