



August 23, 2010

Mr. Stephen R. Burrell, City Manager
City of Hermosa Beach
1315 Valley Drive
Hermosa Beach, CA 90254

Dear Mr. Burrell:

**APPLICATION FOR SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES PLANNING
GRANT AND INCENTIVE PROGRAM
(DEADLINE AUGUST 31, 2010)**

On behalf of West Basin Municipal Water District (West Basin), I want to express our support for the City of Hermosa Beach's (City) application for a grant to fund a Sustainability/Climate Action Plan under the State of California's Strategic Growth Council's "Sustainable Communities Planning Grant and Incentives Program" (Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006, Proposition 84).

The City proposes to prepare a Strategic Sustainability/Climate Action Plan focusing on climate change, resource protection, and community sustainability that include climate mitigation strategies to reduce greenhouse gases, strategies that could achieve a municipal net zero carbon future, climate adaptation planning, and strategies to reduce impacts to ocean and coastal resources. The project will examine the practicability of mobility strategies adopted by Southern California Association of Governments and the South Bay Cities Council of Governments to implement SB 375, examine approaches that can be scaled or extended to neighboring cities and the South Bay, and evaluate adaptability of the plan as an element of or complement to the City's General Plan or Coastal Land Use Plan.

As we see great value in the City's efforts, we proudly support your application to produce a Sustainability/Climate Action Plan that includes regional strategies to implement SB 375 and advance sustainability, protect the marine environment, reduce greenhouse gases, and adapt to climate change.

Sincerely,

Gloria D. Gray
President, Board of Directors