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November 19, 2015

The Honorable Steve Kinsey
Chairman, California Coastal Commission
45 Fremont Street, Suite 2000
San Francisco, CA 94105

Re: *Support for Huntington Beach Desalination Project*

Dear Chairman Kinsey:

I am writing to express my strong support for the proposed Huntington Beach Desalination Project.

The Project will produce 50 million gallons of water per day - enough drinking water for 300,000 Orange County residents - and has been under consideration by the Commission since 2006 when the coastal development permit application was first submitted.

New drinking water supplies like the desalination facility should be considered on a regional level to address current drought emergency conditions but also to protect our water resources from the long-term effects of drought and climate change.

In addition, the project will create many new, high wage and highly skilled jobs in the region that will help address the state's stubbornly high unemployment rate even as the economy recovers. These jobs provide good wages and benefits for the workers who will be employed by the project.

I applaud the Coastal Commission for its thorough study of the project. The independent scientific panel's evaluation of seawater intake technologies was useful in addressing the issues raised by the Commission when it considered the project in November 2013; the panel's work confirms that the project is viable and can proceed based on Commission approval.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kevin de León".

KEVIN DE LEÓN
President pro Tempore
Twenty-Fourth Senate District

cc: Commissioners
Charles Lester, Executive Director