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Dear Messrs. Ken Schiff, Brock Bernstein, and Cindy Lin:

The Malibu Creek Watershed Management Committee (MC WMC) and Las Virgenes Municipal Water District would like to invite each of you to our next monthly meeting to be held on Tuesday, June 14th between 1:30 and 3:30 at the Westlake Village City Hall, 31200 Oak Crest Dr, Westlake Village, CA 91361. The purpose of this invitation is to discuss the development of state-wide Biological Objectives now underway at the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB).

Our respective groups and agencies recently learned from our stakeholder representative that the Biological Objectives' Scientific, Technical and Stakeholder Committees are considering pilot studies to refine methods and procedures. The Scientific Advisory Group has also recommended that the state include a watershed-scale case study to assess the implementation of biological objectives through the regulatory process. It is our understanding that the U.S. EPA is currently developing a Benthic Macroinvertebrate Bioassessment TMDL for this area, which we believe may serve this purpose very well. We therefore would like to invite you to the Malibu Creek Watershed Management Committee meeting on the 14th to explore the merits of a biological objectives case study in Malibu Creek watershed. The Malibu Creek watershed provides a unique opportunity in this regard, combining a long, 35 year history of monitoring by multiple agencies, a recently completed consolidated electronic database, and data from over 200 benthic macroinvertebrate bioassessments conducted to date in nine creeks - which we would be happy to compile. We believe a watershed-wide case study using these data will simultaneously benefit both the State Board's Biological Objectives development and the U.S. EPA's TMDL development.

As you may be aware from prior attendance, representatives from Los Angeles and Ventura County, municipalities within the watershed, Caltrans, and Las Virgenes Municipal Water District regularly attend the Malibu Creek Watershed Management Committee meetings. Please feel free to contact us at your convenience to discuss those arrangements we can make to ensure your attendance. We look forward to this exciting opportunity to mutually and cooperatively work together in improving California's water quality.

Very truly yours,

Joe Bellomo, P.E.
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Manager
Malibu Creek Watershed Management Committee

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Las Virgenes Municipal Water District

MC WMC Member Agencies
Cities of Agoura Hills, Westlake Village, Calabasas, Thousand Oaks, Hidden Hills, and Malibu
Caltrans
Ventura County Watershed Protection District
Los Angeles County Department of Public Works
Los Angeles County Flood Control District
Resource Conservation District of the Santa Monica Mountains