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MAYOR

October 5, 2009

Lester A. Snow
Director
California Department of Water Resources
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Re: Greater Los Angeles County Integrated Regional Water Management Region -
Regional Acceptance Process

Dear Mr. Snow:

The City of Los Angeles, a member of the Leadership Committee of the Greater Los Angeles County (GLACo) Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) group, would like to thank the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) for reaffirming that water resources throughout the State are best managed on a hydrologic-region scale, determined by fundamental hydrodynamic processes. It is this approach that should be preserved and fostered, rather than one based primarily on jurisdictional boundaries. Thus far, the state has acknowledged that through collaborative and integrated regional efforts, agencies, cities, non-profit organizations, and others can identify common goals to best meet both local and regional needs.

In light of this, we urge you to enforce the outcomes of your recent Regional Acceptance Program process. As you know, the Gateway Cities' Joint Powers Authority (JPA) has requested separation from the GLACo IRWM group, and we are concerned that if granted, such an action would undermine the effectiveness of the IRWM Program within our funding region. GLACo's past success (\$25 million) is testament to the quality of our inclusive planning processes to date. Our confidence that our region's success will continue with future funding allocations is largely based on our ability to stay whole, well coordinated, and efficient within our watershed.

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We will continue to encourage and welcome the cities and agencies within the JPA, as we do with other agencies and organizations throughout the region, to participate in the GLACo IRWM effort in order to strengthen the IRWM vision and help meet the challenges facing the region.

Very truly yours,

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ANTONIO R. VILLARAIGOSA

Mayor

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