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Subject: County of San Diego General Plan Update, Log NO. 02-ZA-001

Dear Sir:

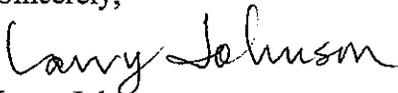
This letter is in response to the "Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report" dated April 28, 2008, with a deadline for public comment of May 28, 2008.

On page 6 of the letter on the topic of "Hydrology and Water Quality", I believe that it is essential that the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) on that topic include a section that addresses the latest information available on the potential impact of Climate Change as it relates to precipitation and evapotranspiration in the Eastern part of San Diego County that is outside the County Water Authority line. This area is totally groundwater dependent and in addition to new demands caused by growth in the area, the potential long-term impact by Climate Change could be significant and should be recognized and appropriate planning done in this General Plan Update.

California Assembly Bill 32 (AB 32) is referenced frequently and is very appropriate for greenhouse gasses and their effects. Governor Schwarzenegger has recently released a summary report from the California Environmental Protection Agency entitled "Our Changing Climate: Assessing the Risk to California" (California Climate Change Center). It contains some of the latest information currently available on the possible effects of climate change and its potential effect on the state's economy. There is good agreement that the climate will change. Models show that precipitation will likely decrease in our general area. There is also good agreement that the temperature will increase which is directly related to evapotranspiration according to Richard G. Allen and that relates directly to groundwater recharge according to Dr. David Huntley, both men are noted authorities in the field of hydrology.

To insure sustainability of groundwater, one must do long range planning and long range planning definitely should include the best and latest information available on Climate Change.

Sincerely,



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