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**Subject: Letter of Support for Geotechnical Borings at Doheny State Beach
Doheny Ocean Desalination Project**

Dear Mr. Shintaku:

On behalf of the Orange Coast District of California State Parks, I am pleased to offer this letter of support to South Coast Water District (SCWD) for their upcoming geotechnical borings and monitoring wells at Doheny State Beach. State Parks has been closely coordinating with SCWD on this work and has already removed the affected campsites from our reservation system. We have also provided closure notices to the public and campground visitors through the Doheny State Beach website (www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=645), Coastal Development Permit noticing, and placement of placards in the vicinity of the affected campsites.

State Parks values the partnership with SCWD on the Doheny Ocean Desalination Project, which will provide a reliable supply of fresh water to south Orange County, in addition to providing enhancements to the Doheny State Beach campground. State Parks recognizes that these geotechnical borings and monitoring wells are an essential step in the design process for the desalination project, and we can accommodate this work without substantial impact to campground users.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (949) 324-9130.

Sincerely,

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Cc: Tom Luster, California Coastal Commission