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To: Melissa Miller-Hanson  
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From: Mary Jane Forster-Foley

Re: South Coast Regional Stakeholder Group

I am applying for consideration of appointment to the South Coast Regional Stakeholder Group. I have taken each criteria question and provided the following list of experiences from my past 25 years of related work with the Southern California Coastal Region. I am also attaching a brief biographical sketch.

1). First hand knowledge and perspective:

- From 1982-1993 I served on the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board.
- From 1993-2001 I served on the State Water Resources Control Board. As the Chair of the San Diego Board I encouraged the formation of the SCCRWP Regional Monitoring Group for the Southern California Coastal Bight. The purpose was to have a more global understanding of the trends of discharges and their impact or lack of impact on the marine environment. This group continues to be active and very productive in their research and monitoring programs.
- While on the State Water Board I voted to support the enforcement action of the Santa Ana Regional Water Board prohibiting the

discharge of storm water and urban run-off into the Area of Special Biological Significance at Crystal Cove State Park. This was milestone enforcement act and caused the updated ASBS survey and new regulations dealing with Areas of Special Biological Significance (ASBS) which are now known as Marine Managed Areas (MMA's). I am aware of every ASBS (MMA) in the Southern California Coastal Bight. As the coordinator and facilitator of the South Orange County Integrated Resource Water Management Plan (IRWMP), I assisted the City of Laguna Beach in acquiring Prop50 grant dollars for the protection of the Heisler Park ASBS. They received the grant.

- As the Advisor to the County of Orange on the Central Orange County Integrated Resource Water Management Plan, I advocated to the State Waterboard and the Department of Water Resources for Prop 50 grant dollars for the ASBS's at Crystal Cove and Buck Gully in Newport Beach.
- Recently I assisted the State Waterboard in the development of an educational film to highlight the importance of the protection of ASBSs, (MMA's) for the next generation. Crystal Cove was my recommendation and it was utilized for the film.
- As a State Water Board Member I was the hearing officer on the California Ocean Plan, which has protections and prohibitions for discharges into the ASBSs (MMA's).

2) Able to balance a south coast regional perspective with localized knowledge:

- I have lived along the south coast ocean environment for 45 years. I am intimately familiar with the area. I have worked as a regulatory affairs advisor to local government and coastal water and wastewater agencies on issues related to ocean outlet management, fishery and habitat protection, ocean desalination research and wastewater ocean discharge.

3) Willing to express fundamental interest (as opposed to fixed position) and to clearly convey the interests of one or more stakeholder groups:

- As the Public Member of both the San Diego Regional Waterboard and the State Waterboard, my role was to understand the interests of all parties and to balance them in a manner protective of the beneficial uses of the water of the state. I believe that I have a reputation for my

balanced approach to environmental resources by both the regulated interest and the environmental groups.

4) Capable of working collaboratively, seeking to integrate the interests of the full range of constituencies:

- As a Regulatory Affairs Consultant I am often hired as a collaborator to find common ground with the regulatory agencies, the NGOs and the public agency seeking a project that deals with ocean resources.
- As a State Waterboard Member I was chosen by my colleagues to lead the collaborative effort on the Inland Surface Water Bays and Estuary Policy, The TMDL Policy, The Non-Point Source Policy and the Bay Protection Hot Spots Program. (partial list)

5) Able to access and use an effective communication network to reach stakeholders not attending the public meetings:

- I am proficient with most technology and have excellent communications skills.

6) Committed to completing all aspects of the charge of the regional stakeholder group:

- My experience, my part time work, and my dedication to ocean resources allow me the opportunity to be a regular attendee at any required meetings. I have followed the North Coast MLPA via the Fish and Game Commission web site. I am familiar with the commitment involved in this process and willing to spend the time.

Most of the required information has been included in my response to the criteria questions. There are a few remaining questions that I will respond to:

1) Description of the organizations and individuals that I will communicate with:

I believe the main groups that I will keep informed are the public agencies whom I assist on issues related to regulatory affairs including:

- Southern Coastal Water Agencies involved in Ocean Desalination Research Projects

- Wastewater Agencies that are members of the Southern California Alliance of Publicly Owned Treatment Works (SCAP)
- Coastal County Government

Note: These groups are mainly the public agencies I have worked with over the past several years as a regulatory affairs consultant. I have a strong network with them and will keep them informed on major issues that will be of significance to their mission and operations.

2) Specific communication and outreach mechanisms to be utilized:  
Emails will be the major method of my means of communication.

Note: None of the above category of public agencies has solicited my application to this process. I am currently responding as an individual. I will seek some letters of support from public agencies to validate my ability to perform as a stakeholder and my professional experience.

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