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Marine Life Protection Act Initiative
c/o California Resources Agency
1416 Ninth Street, Suite 1311
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Attention: Melissa Miller-Henson

Dear Melissa Miller-Henson,

Please accept my nomination for appointments to the MLPA South Coast Regional Stakeholder Group.

My name is Dorota Valli. I hold Masters Degree in education and I started my career as I high school teacher. I currently work for a nonprofit organization Animal Protection and Rescue League as an Educational Outreach Campaign Manager.

I have extensive knowledge of California marine ecosystem through my volunteer involvement in the Natural Reserve System program for UCSD/Scripps Institute of Oceanography. I have experience working as a volunteer at the San Diego- Scripps State Marine Conservation Area and I have traveled to many other Parks and Reserves along California Coast, including Cardiff, San Elijo, Encinitas, Laguna Beach, Dana Point, Catalina SMR to name but a few. I am familiar with state and federal laws protecting wildlife and I actively participate in local, state and federal efforts to protect and manage our coastal and ocean resources. I took active participation in the 16th Biennial Conference on the Biology of Marine Mammals held in San Diego in 2005 and in the California and World Ocean Conference held in 2006 in Long Beach. I have worked collaboratively with several environmental groups including The San Diego Coastkeeper and WildCoast. I participate in a variety of community outreach programs such as APRL educational booth in La Jolla that reaches thousands of visitors to the local harbor seal rookery, Earth Day and SDSU Sustainability Day. I participated in creating educational presentations for school and college environmental clubs (UCSD Muir College Environmental Corps (MEC), USD Environmental Law Clinic).

I am fairly new to the California Marine Life Protection Act Initiative and I have recently familiarized myself with the California Marine Life Protection Act Initiative for the North and

Central Coast Study Region. I am familiar with an existing system of State Marine Protected Areas.

During my involvement in the SCRSG, I will communicate with Kath Rogers and Bryan Pease, directors of the Animal Protection and Rescue League and I will inform thousands of members of our organization as well as our e-newsletter recipients about the MLPA initiative. I am willing to communicate and collaborate with other stakeholder groups I will meet during that process.

I would be honored to be part of the MLPA South Coast Regional Stakeholder Group and have a chance to actively participate in this historical process of creating a unified system of Marine Life Protected Areas for the South Coast Study Region. I am willing to commit the time for full participation.

Yours truly,

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