

Rincon Band of Luiseño Indians

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California Water Commission
P.O. Box 942836
Sacramento, California 94236-0001

Re: DWR's Groundwater Sustainability Plan Emergency Regulations

Dear Commissioners:

The Rincon Band of Luiseño Indians located in the County of San Diego, established by Executive Order of March 2, 1881 and patented to the Rincon Band on September 13, 1892 by the Secretary of the Interior, provides this letter to support the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) Draft Emergency Regulations. The Department of Water Resources (DWR) has engaged a Tribal Advisory Group consisting of over 30 Tribes with representatives from the northern, southern and central regions of state with the purpose of keeping the Tribal Governments informed of the development of guidelines and emergency regulations.

As a member of DWR's Tribal Advisory Group, I look forward to the continued Tribal engagement in the development of the best management practices (BMPs) as outlined in the emergency regulations. I also wish to take this time to commend the Department of Water Resources' commitment to Tribal engagement and Tribal consultation regarding the implementation of SGMA.

Respectfully,

Bo Mazzetti, Chairman
Rincon Band of Luiseño Indians

cc: David Gutierrez, Department of Water Resources
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