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Rick Shintaku, General Manager South Coast Water District 31592 West Street Laguna Beach, CA 92651

Transmitted Via Email: rshintaku@scwd.org

Regarding: Doheny Ocean Desalination Project

Dear Mr. Shintaku:

On behalf of the members of the Mountain Counties Water Resources Association (MCWRA), I would like to offer my appreciation for your investment in the Doheny Ocean Desalination Project. Addressing the state's water needs will take a united effort, and the mountain counties region recognizes your commitment to relieving the strain on existing water resources in the North State and mountain counties regions.

MCWRA advocates for the water interests of its 58 members in 12 of the mountain counties within the Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI) of woodland and forested lands in the Sierra Nevada. These foothill and mountain areas contain the headwaters for 40% of the state's developed water supply, which also provides for hydropower production, irrigation, recreation, water recycling, tourism, and instream flows that fuel the engine of our State's economy.

I invite you to learn more about MCWRA and the mountain counties region by participating in one of our upcoming events. I will be sure to include you on the invitation for our California-United Water Conference taking place June 22-24, 2022 in El Dorado County, California.

Sincerely,

Justin Caporusso, Executive Director Mountain Counties Water Resources Association

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