

EXHIBIT NO. 1

December 19, 2023

Colonel Andrew J. Baker
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Los Angeles District
915 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 1101
Los Angeles, CA 90017

**RE: CITY OF CARSON, CA SUPPORTS THE REQUEST FROM THE LOS ANGELES
COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT FOR WATER RESOURCES
DEVELOPMENT ACT SECTION 219 ASSISTANCE DOMINGUEZ CHANNEL
WATERSHED IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

Dear Colonel Baker:

We, the City Council of the City of Carson, CA, write to offer our full support regarding the request from the Los Angeles County Flood Control District for the Water Resources Development Act of 2022, Section 219 Project, that would revitalize and improve the Dominguez Channel.

As you may be aware, the Dominguez Channel Odor Crisis of 2021 was very impactful to the City of Carson. At least four thousand residents were forced to leave their homes due to the widespread emissions of noxious hydrogen sulfide gas from the Dominguez Channel that continued for several weeks, which made many people sick. The scientists and experts deemed the event to be unprecedented in terms of its length and severity. Additionally, our community already has 51 landfills, polluted air from trucks servicing the twin ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles, noise from the Long Beach and LAX Airports, two oil refineries of which one is the largest oil refinery on the West Coast, and other adverse environmental conditions. Given these circumstances, our City is extremely excited by the possibility of having the Dominguez Channel Watershed Improvement project come to fruition. If completed, this project would bring enormous environmental and economic opportunities to the City of Carson and the surrounding region.

The Water Resources Development Act of 2022, Section 8375 (b) (2) (C), amended Water Resources Development Act of 1992 authorizes \$103,000,000 for water and water infrastructure, including stormwater management, in various areas of Los Angeles County, California, including the Dominguez Channel, which flows through significant sections of the City of Carson. The Dominguez Channel Watershed Improvement Project will improve conditions within the watershed by helping to manage stormwater and improve the channel and adjacent areas. Improvements related to the management of stormwater will also enhance flood risk management and water conservation.

As previously stated, this project would have a positive environmental impact and deliver much needed benefits to Carson and surrounding communities. The Dominguez Channel Watershed is highly urbanized and includes all or part of 17 cities and unincorporated Los Angeles County. The watershed population adjacent to the channel is 85 percent minority, with higher African American and Asian populations and slightly lower Hispanic population compared to the County as a whole. The median family income is \$60,000, below that of \$68,000 for the County as a whole. The project would generate much needed social benefits, such as improved recreational opportunities including walking and bicycling along the channel, as well as supporting regional economic development.

While we recognize that the Los Angeles County Flood Control District would have lead responsibility for the project, the City of Carson affirms our commitment to the cooperation and coordination that would be required to complete this project in our City - particularly as it relates to easements, rights of way, relocations, dredged material disposal, and other related matters.

We will continue to advocate for this project and we sincerely thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions, please contact the City Manager's Office at 310-952-1731 or mgeorge@carsonca.gov.

Sincerely,

Carson City Council