



February 23, 2010

The Honorable Ken Calvert
United States Congress
2201 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Re: 2011 Appropriation Requests

Dear Congressman Calvert:

The League of Women Voters of Northwest Riverside County fully supports the City of Riverside's submission of the Santa Ana River and Subwatersheds project as part of the Fiscal Year 2011 appropriation requests.

For many years our League has been active in efforts to save the Santa Ana River. Though the hard work of local citizens and with the assistance of all levels of government, we can now proudly say the river is saved. However, much remains to be done to secure its lasting health and the health of surrounding watersheds.

This project will investigate opportunities to restore the functioning ecosystem of the Santa Ana River (SAR) in the City of Riverside. The study area will include the tributary subwatersheds of SAR such as Springbrook Wash, Tequesquite Arroyo, Alessandro Arroyo and others. The project will build upon the efforts of the 2009 Mayor's Santa Ana River Task Force which provided recommendations for multi-purpose projects that addresses watershed connections, ecosystem restoration, water resources, water quality, recreation and economic development.

The League of Women Voters of Northwest Riverside County strongly supports the City of Riverside's application and looks forward to your support on this very important study to protect the region's ecosystem.

Sincerely,

Joan Donahue, President
League of Women Voters of Northwest Riverside County