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Mr. Richard Corneille, President  
San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District  
1630 West Redlands Blvd, Suite A  
Redlands, CA 92373

**RE: IERCD Support of San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District**

Dear President Corneille,

I am writing today on behalf of the full Board of Directors of the Inland Empire Resource Conservation District (IERCD), a public agency headquartered in Redlands and serving approximately 1,300 square miles of the upper Santa Ana River Watershed. The purpose of this letter is to convey our support for the San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District (SBVWCD), one of our key partners in multiple forms of water conservation education, outreach, and action in the watershed, in your efforts to reestablish your District's sphere of influence. If reestablished, your sphere will allow you to continue to engage in the water supply identification and development necessary for long-term support of local and regional need.

The IERCD and SBVWCD work together on many aspects of water conservation, including water conservation district support of resource conservation district educational presentations and development of area climate-appropriate demonstration gardens with minimal water needs. In addition to this support, the SBVWCD also engages the invasive vegetation identification and removal services offered by the IERCD and partners, with a specific focus on significant water users such as tamarisk (*Tamarix spp.*) in ensuring its basins are operating at peak efficiency for maximum percolation. This work together is memorialized in a Memorandum of Understanding executed between the two districts in September of 2013, establishing the mutual desire to collaborate on ongoing outreach, wash plan task implementation, and general lands management, among other objectives.

Water conservation and long-term supply enhancement is critical to the ongoing sustainability of local and regional habitats and supported species. The IERCD recognizes that need and therefore wants to take the opportunity to support our partner in the reestablishment of its sphere of influence to allow for performance of work key to water supply development and support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paul C. Williams".

Paul Williams, Board President  
Inland Empire Resource Conservation District