



THE WILDLANDS CONSERVANCY

July 10, 2006

City of Costa Mesa
Mayor Allan R. Mansoor and City Council
77 Fair Drive
Costa Mesa, CA 92626

RE: Request for adoption by the City Council to create a Blue Ribbon Committee for the Santa Ana River.

Dear Mayor Mansoor and Council Members:

The Wildlands Conservancy is a California nonprofit for public benefit corporation with the mission to preserve the beauty and biodiversity of the earth, and to fund programs so that every child may know the wonder and joy of nature. As you know the Santa Ana River is a beautiful ribbon of nature that flows through urban cities with little or no parks, or nature areas for the families and youth of these communities to enjoy. To date, The Wildlands Conservancy has spent over 50 million dollars on creating a greenway and outdoor education along the 110 miles of the river.

Currently the Cities of Riverside and San Bernardino have completed their vision documents and are working on a projects identified in their vision documents. The Cities of Redlands, Colton, Santa Ana, and Huntington Beach have committees working on the vision document.

The Wildlands Conservancy respectfully asks the City Council of Costa Mesa to adopt a Blue Ribbon Committee tasked to create the City's vision for the Santa Ana River. With the adoption of a committee TWC will grant the city \$5000.00 for the costs of creating the vision document. I will also be part of the committee and help in any way we can to ensure that the vision created becomes a reality.

Thank you very much for you time and consideration. Please contact me for any reason at (909) 797-8507.

Respectfully,

D.P. Myers
Projects Manager and Santa Ana River Coordinator

Cc: Mr. Allen Roeder, City Manager
Ms. Carol Proctor, Asst. City Manager

