



May 8, 2018

The Honorable Sheila Kuehl  
Supervisor, Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors  
500 Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

**RE: Safe, Clean Water Program**

Dear Supervisor Kuehl,

The National Parks Conservation Association is committed to preserving America's natural and cultural treasures, and ensuring future generations continue to enjoy our national parks. Our priority in the greater Los Angeles area is the Rim of the Valley expansion of the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area, which will help protect the region's remaining open spaces, historic sites, native habitat, and wildlife. Protecting our local water supply is critical to this effort, and we would like to work with the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors to ensure safe and clean water for future generations through a multi-benefit stormwater and urban runoff capture program to increase water supply, improve water quality, and investment in communities.

We encourage the Safe, Clean Water Program to prioritize distributed and neighborhood-scale, nature-based solutions to capture, infiltrate, treat and use stormwater and dry-weather runoff. Such projects and programs can help achieve a more sustainable and equitable water future for all communities in Los Angeles County. Funding for nature-based and multi-benefit projects should include different project scales, from retrofitting residential parcels and schools, to large regional parks. We also firmly believe it be critically important that these projects be built throughout the region in an equitable way for all residents.

We are strongly committed to increasing local water supply to lessen the region's carbon footprint by reducing reliance on imported water and other energy-intensive water strategies. In addition, all projects should strive to reduce pollution and improve the health of waterways, habitat and beaches in the Los Angeles region.

We appreciate the County of Los Angeles' strong commitment to achieving a safe and clean water future for all residents. We stand ready to work with you on providing input on the Safe, Clean Water Program and to assist with outreach to communities and leaders throughout Los Angeles County.

Sincerely,

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