

**SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY**

RAMIREZ CANYON PARK
5750 RAMIREZ CANYON ROAD
MALIBU, CALIFORNIA 90265
PHONE (310) 589-3200
FAX (310) 589-3207
WWW.SMMC.CA.GOV

December 5, 2011

Proposition O Citizens Oversight Committee and Advisory Committee
City of Los Angeles
200 North Spring Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

**Support Letter for the Proposition O
Verdugo Hills Storm Water Project**

Dear Committee Members:

The Verdugo Hills Storm Water Project submitted by the Bureau of Sanitation is chalked with storm water, water quality, and public open space benefits. Few locations in the City can match the attributes of the subject 58.3-acre site in regards to this vast array of benefits.

With approximately 845 acres of urban and hillside watershed draining through the site, the project provides an optimal opportunity to clean and infiltrate great quantities of storm water in a centralized, gravity fed, low-maintenance-cost system. The proposed up front acquisition and development costs will soon pale compared to the long term economic relief and efficiency the project will offer in meeting State water quality and Federal Clean Water Act requirements and increasing groundwater supply.

What the project can achieve on the subject Verdugo Hills golf course property and the adjacent Blanchard Creek channel embodies every primary and tertiary objective of Proposition O.

Please direct any questions and future correspondence to Paul Edelman, Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning at the above letterhead address, by phone at 310-589-3200 ext. 128, or email at edelman@smmc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

ANTONIO GONZALZES
Chairperson