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To: Honorable Mayor & City Council Members
From: Cathy Green, City Council Member CG
Date: November 14, 2005
Subject: *H-item - Wildland Conservancy request for Creation of a Huntington Beach Blue Ribbon Committee to Develop a Vision for the Santa Ana River*

The Wildlands Conservancy is requesting that the Huntington Beach City Council create a blue ribbon committee to develop the city's vision for the Santa Ana River.

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

The Santa Ana River is a beautiful ribbon of nature that flows through most of Orange Counties urban communities with few parks or nature areas. A substantial portion of the 110 miles of the river flow through our city, and it terminates at our shores.

Since the Santa Ana River has a major impact on the City of Huntington Beach and its residents, it is important for Huntington Beach to play a role in creating a vision for its future. I am, therefore, recommending that we form a blue ribbon committee to create our city's vision for the Santa Ana River.

MOTION:

The City Council approve creation of a blue ribbon committee to create the city's vision for the Santa Ana River. The Committee to be made up of three City Council members with Council Member Green as one of the three members.

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THE WILDLANDS CONSERVANCY

November 14, 2005

City of Huntington Beach
City Council
2000 Main Street
Huntington Beach, CA 92648

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

Dear Mayor Hardy 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 communities 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.

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The Wildlands Conservancy respectfully asks the City Council of Huntington Beach to adopt a Blue Ribbon Committee tasked to create the City's vision for the Santa Ana River. With the adoption of a committee we will grant the city \$5000.00 the costs for creating the vision document. We 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

