

**Resolution of the California Ocean Protection Council
Becoming a Member of the Southern California Coastal Water Research Project**

October 25, 2007

WHEREAS, the California Ocean Protection Act mandates that the Ocean Protection Council (OPC) coordinate and improve the protection of California's ocean and coastal resources; and the Governor's Ocean Action Plan calls for the OPC to play a leadership role in managing and protecting California's oceans, bays, estuaries and coastal wetlands, including integration of coastal water quality programs to increase their effectiveness; and

WHEREAS, the Southern California Coastal Water Research Project (SCCWRP) is a public agency that conducts environmental research, focusing on the coastal ecosystems of Southern California, from watersheds to the ocean. The common mission of SCCWRP's member agencies is to contribute to the scientific understanding of linkages between human activities, natural events, and the health of the Southern California coastal environment; communicate this understanding to decision makers and other stakeholders; and recommend strategies for protecting the coastal environment for this and future generations; and

WHEREAS, SCCWRP is a joint powers agency created and currently existing pursuant to the Sixth Amended Joint Powers Agreement effective July 1, 2005, confirming the creation of an agency known as the Southern California Coastal Water Research Project (Amended JPA); and

WHEREAS, SCCWRP is governed by a commission composed of the United States Environmental Protection Agency Region IX, State Water Resources Control Board, California Regional Water Quality Control Board (Los Angeles, San Diego and Santa Ana Regions), City of Los Angeles, City of San Diego, Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County, and Orange County Sanitation District; and

WHEREAS, on September 14, 2007, SCCWRP's commission passed a resolution authorizing the addition of the OPC as a party to the Amended JPA and to the commission with those powers conferred upon the signatories without financial contribution, upon authorization by the OPC; and

WHEREAS, the OPC must acknowledge its agreement to the terms of the Amended JPA to become a member of the SCCWRP Commission;

NOW, THEREFORE, the OPC hereby:

AGREES to be bound the terms of the Southern California Coastal Water Research Project Amended JPA to the extent permitted by Government Code § 6500 *et seq.*, and to become a party to the Amended JPA and SCCWRP's commission, with the same powers conferred upon the signatories but without any financial contribution by the OPC.