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September 30, 2024

Colonel Andrew Baker, Commander and District Engineer  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District  
915 Wilshire Boulevard  
Los Angeles, CA 90017

**Re: City of Paramount – SUPPORT – Planning Assistance to the States Request – Trout Unlimited**

Colonel Baker:

The City would like to continue to express its standing support and interest in the California Wildlife Conservation Board's (WCB) funding award to Trout Unlimited for design, permitting, and community-led outreach for the Lower LA River Restoration and Access project. This project is adjacent to Ralph C. Dills Park in the City of Paramount and runs the length of the park from Rosecrans Avenue to Somerset Boulevard.

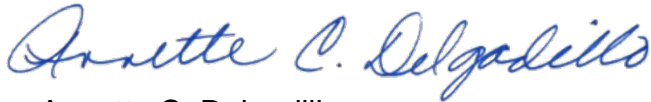
As a proud and resilient community, Paramount is always striving to improve economic, health, and environmental conditions. As background, approximately 16.7% of Paramount residents lived within the designated federal poverty level in 2015-2019. Additionally, as a built-out city within proximity to major freeways, busy freight corridors (including the 710-freeway), rail (significant source of diesel-related emissions), and industrial sites, our community members are exposed to environmental hazards, air pollution, and other stressors. Currently, in this region, there is limited access to safe bicycling routes, walking paths, expanding natural green spaces is a challenge. This project will provide Paramount and our regional neighbors with the ability to safely reconnect with the natural river elements that will be reintroduced to this segment of the Los Angeles River. The project also aligns with the Paramount Parks and Recreation Master Plan, the Paramount Environmental Justice Element, and City support of the Lower LA River Revitalization Plan.

We understand the provisions of Section 22 of the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 1974, as amended, provide authority for the Corps to assist in the preparation of comprehensive plans for the development, utilization, and conservation of water and related land resources, and for technical assistance. We further understand that Section 8119 of the WRDA of 2022 authorizes the Secretary to waive the collection of fees for

economically disadvantaged communities. The City of Paramount meets those criteria as a “disadvantaged community” defined by the Council on Environmental Quality’s Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool; as such, the City would like to formally request inclusion into the PAS program.

I would appreciate your referral to Ms. Amanda Wagner to develop our scope for PAS engagement. For these reasons, the City of Paramount fully supports would like to continue to express its standing support and interest in the California Wildlife Conservation Board's (WCB) funding award to Trout Unlimited for design, permitting, and community-led outreach for the Lower LA River Restoration and Access project. Please feel free to contact City Manager John Moreno at (562) 220-2225, if you have any questions. We thank you for your time and consideration.

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Cc: Honorable Congresswoman Nanette Barragan, 44<sup>th</sup> District  
Honorable State Senator Lena Gonzalez, 33<sup>rd</sup> District  
Honorable Assembly Speaker Emeritus Anthony Rendon, 62<sup>nd</sup> District  
Honorable Los Angeles County Supervisor Janice Hahn, 4<sup>th</sup> District