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Dear Mr. Hagekhalil:

This submission is in response to the draft CDR for the proposed Sepulveda Basin Constructed Wetlands Project, entitled the Wetlands Park Project. It is on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Canada Goose Project, Inc., which has been represented on the Wildlife Areas Steering Committee of the Sepulveda Basin for 11 years (the Advisory Committee to the Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks). The Boards' representative is Rosemarie White, Ph.D., President of the Canada Goose Project.

The rationale for this submission, which is a proposed Environmental Enhancement Plan to be included in the Wetlands Park Project, is as follows:

It is the informed decision of the Board of Directors of the Canada Goose Project that:

1. The Constructed Wetlands Park Project will not provide increased and/or substantive bird habitat over and above what now exists on the wildlife lake. In particular, it will not serve as protected or forage habitat for large migratory waterfowl, such as *Branta canadensis* (large species of Canada Geese) or other large migratory species.
2. The Constructed Wetlands Project is judged to be an important project for the City of Los Angeles, as it proposes to address the necessity of meeting new standards of water quality and issues connected to urban runoff. However, to locate a monitored filtration project in close proximity to the only existing wildlife area in the City of Los Angeles and to publicize this project as replicating or enhancing existing wildlife/bird habitat is both a misrepresentation and a glamorization of purpose in order to obtain public approval.

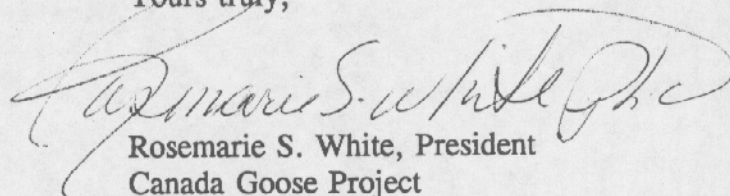
3. The "Wetlands Park Project" could, with relative ease, incorporate habitat enhancement aspects of the design, by utilizing recycled water from the Tillman Water Reclamation Plan (located north of the proposed "Wetlands Park" site) to provide water to the three existing segments of the wildlife areas' designated 200 +/- acres, thereby allowing participation by experts sitting on the Wildlife Areas Steering Committee in designing wildlife/bird habitat. It would then truly function as the title implies.
4. The three areas are:
 - (a) east of the Wildlife Lake and west of the 405 Freeway, #1;
 - (b) west of the creek and east of Woodley, #2, and
 - (c) west of Woodley and south of the model airplane field, #3.

In addition, the adoption of this enhancement plan would not only establish credibility for the Bureau of Sanitation, provide expertly designed bird habitat, passive recreation and educational opportunities and bring the necessary water into the wildlife areas, it would also create an opportunity for the Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks to begin addressing the ever-growing situation of non-migrating geese establishing themselves on the Woodley Golf Course.

Mr. James Aidukas, President of JTA and Associates and the Project Manager of the proposed Natural Wetlands to be located in the Chatsworth Nature Preserve, was kind enough to consult with the Canada Goose Project on Sanitations' "Wetlands Park" proposal. He has given us some talking points and written suggestions which are included. He has also offered to tour the area of the Nature Preserve in Chatsworth with the Canada Goose Board, the Wildlife Committee and other interested persons prior to explaining his help to us on the "Wetlands Park."

Hopefully, these points will be the basis for further discussions and perhaps lead to favourable modifications in the design of the project now known as "Wetlands Park."

Yours truly,



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Representative to the Sepulveda Basin
Wildlife Areas Steering Committee