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Subject: DoD Nomination to the MLPA South Coast Regional Stakeholder Group

Melissa Miller-Henson,

By way of introduction, I am RADM Hering's Deputy Regional Environmental Coordinator. RADM Hering is the Commander for Navy Region Southwest which includes (California, Arizona, Nevada, Utah, New Mexico, and Colorado). RADM Hering is also designated as the DoD Regional Environmental Coordinator (DoD REC) for the states in US EPA Region 9 (CA, AZ, NV, HI and the Pacific Islands) and is the senior DoD representative on all environmental matters in this region.

The purpose of this email is to nominate Mr. Michael Huber (DoD REC Program Manager) as DoD's representative on the South Coast Regional Stakeholder Group. Mr. Huber brings over 20 years of experience to this process, both in the environmental arena and as a naval officer. The Army, Air Force and Marine Corps have all concurred with his nomination.

Below are the specific answers to the questions on the attached nomination criteria paper:

1. NAME AND CONTACT INFORMATION: Michael Huber, DoD REC Program Manager, 619-532-2303,

2. HOW HE MEETS SELECTION CRITERIA:

* FIRST HAND KNOWLEDGE AND PERSPECTIVE -- Mr. Huber has first-hand knowledge of the operations DoD conducts in the study region as well as first-hand knowledge of DoD's environmental programs.

* ABILITY TO BALANCE A SOUTH COAST REGIONAL PERSPECTIVE WITH LOCALIZED

KNOWLEDGE: As DoD REC Program Manager on the staff of the Regional Commander, Mr. Huber brings a regional perspective to everything he does, balancing this with localized concerns of DoD installations.

* WILLINGNESS TO EXPRESS FUNDAMENTAL INTERESTS (as opposed to fixed positions) AND TO CLEARLY CONVEY THE INTERESTS OF ONE OR MORE STAKEHOLDER GROUPS: Mr. Huber has represented regional DoD interests on many occasions during his eight years in the DoD REC program and has spoken at numerous public workshops. He also routinely develops and

coordinates DoD positions on proposed environmental laws and regulations. He seeks to balance the environmental objectives of the proposed regulation with DoD's mission.

* **CAPABLE OF WORKING COLLABORATIVELY:** Mr. Huber routinely forms teams within DoD and with outside partners on a wide range of issues. One example is where he spearheaded a project to buy private land for a buffer zone near the La Posta Mountain Warfare Training Center (MWTC) in San Diego County. Michael was successful as a result of his partnership with The Nature Conservancy (TNC) and the California Wildlife Conservation Board. All three entities contributed money towards this project, which protected a key wildlife corridor as well as protected MWTC's operations from encroachment. This was DoD's first project of this kind on the West Coast.

* **ABLE TO ACCESS AND USE AN EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION NETWORK TO REACH STAKEHOLDERS NOT ATTENDING THE PUBLIC MEETINGS:** As DoDREC Program Manager, Mr. Huber maintains an extensive network of environmental and operational professionals both within DoD and with outside agencies.

Mr. Huber uses a variety of tools including: email, conference calls, VTC, and face-to-face meetings.

* **COMMITTED TO COMPLETING ALL ASPECTS OF THE CHARGE OF THE REGIONAL STAKEHOLDER GROUP:** Mr. Huber is committed to completing all aspects of this regional stakeholder group. Many of his efforts, such as the La Posta MWTC buffer zone project, are multi-year in nature.

* **GIS:** Michael has a working knowledge of maps/charts and other GIS products.

3. CURRENT AND PAST AFFILIATIONS WITH STAKEHOLDER GROUPS ACTIVE IN MARINE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT: Mr. Huber is not affiliated with other stakeholder groups and will be representing DoD only. He will have access to any internal DoD resource active in marine and natural resource management.

4. PAST INVOLVEMENT IN THE MLPA OR SIMILAR PUBLIC PROCESSES TO PROVIDE ADVICE ON NATURAL RESOURCE POLICY OR PLANNING: Mr. Huber worked on the Central Coast MLPA project, coordinating the DoD letter to Mr. Flores regarding Marine Protected Areas off Vandenberg AFB, which was signed out by RADM Hering 4 Apr 07. Mr. Huber also coordinated DoD's response to U.S. Senator Feinstein on potential Wilderness Areas near Fort Irwin, which was signed out by RADM Hering 7 Dec 07.

5. WILLINGNESS TO COMMIT THE TIME FOR FULL PARTICIPATION: Mr. Huber is committed to fully participating in the South Coast Regional Stakeholder

Group. As his direct supervisor, this will be one of Mr. Huber's primary responsibilities until completed.

6. DESCRIPTIONS OF THE ORGANIZATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS WITH WHICH THE NOMINEE WILL COMMUNICATE: Mr. Huber manages the DoD REC Program which includes designated representatives from the Army, Air Force, Marine Corps. He also maintains an active network of environmental and operational professionals within the Navy. He has formed a South Coast MLPA Working Group with designated representatives of all the affected operational commands, to ensure all affected interests are fully represented in this process.

7. SPECIFIC COMMUNICATION AND OUTREACH MECHANISMS TO BE UTILIZED: Mr. Huber uses a variety of tools including: email, conference calls, VTC, and face-to-face meetings.

8. AREAS OF KNOWLEDGE OR EXPERTISE RELEVANT TO THE PROJECT: Mr. Huber brings over 20 years of operational and environmental experience to this process.

Please feel free to call me at (619)532-2308 if you have any questions.

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