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and for water. Please give them a chance! With decreasing habitats for wildlife, we will all be diminished by their extinction. To lose this beautiful and wild area would be a great shame & loss to all of us & future generations.

Please preserve the Santa Clara River and protect the endangered species and beauty of this area for our future generations of children & the animal's offspring as well. They deserve a place to live as well. Thank you for your time & consideration.

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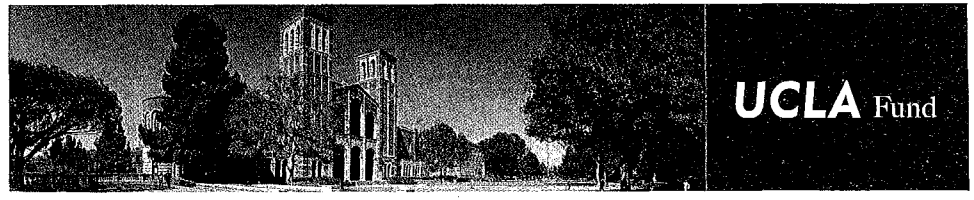

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Dear Mr. Bejord,

As a nature lover, avid hiker and concerned citizen I am writing you today to urge you to protect the Santa Clara River in Northern LA County from projects. As you know the River permits along the (Smile of the River in the city of Santa Clarita has been ineffective @ best & has decimated the many endangered species that it was intended to protect.

Birds, pond turtles, frogs, and other critters such as mountain lions, bears & coyote depend on this area for habitat

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119. Letter from Irene Almeida, dated July 27, 2009

Response 1

This comment is an introduction to comments that follow. The Corps and CDFG appreciate your opinion regarding protection of the Santa Clara River and the impacts of the proposed Project, and it will be included as part of the record and made available to decision makers prior to a final decision on the proposed Project. Because the comment does not address the content of the Draft EIS/EIR, no additional response is provided.

Response 2

The comment expresses commentor's opinion that river permits in the City of Santa Clarita have been ineffective in protecting endangered species in the area. The comment will be included as part of the record and made available to decision makers prior to a final decision on the proposed Project. Please see **Topical Response 3: Natural River Management Plan Projects and Mitigation**, for responsive information to the topic of upstream river permits in the City of Santa Clarita**.** Because the comment does not address the content of the Draft EIS/EIR, no additional response is provided.

Response 3

The comment addresses general concerns related to species found on the Project site. The agencies responsible for preparation of this document are very mindful of the needs of wildlife through the region. Potential impacts to animals and plants received extensive analysis in the Draft EIS/EIR, including **Section 4.5**, Biological Resources. Mitigation measures were designed, wherever feasible, to avoid or minimize impacts to wildlife. In addition, for further responsive information, please see revised **Section 4.5** of the Final EIS/EIR. The comment will be included as part of the record and made available to the decision makers prior to a final decision on the proposed Project.

Response 4

The Corps and CDFG appreciate the comment provided in your letter. Your opinion regarding the resources provided by the Santa Clara River and the impacts of the proposed Project will be included as part of the record and made available to decision makers prior to a final decision on the proposed Project. Because the comment does not address the content of the Draft EIS/EIR, no additional response is provided.