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Mr. Jon Kirk Mukri  
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Los Angeles, CA 90017

**Re: Sepulveda Basin Environmental Restoration**

Dear Mr. Mukri:

I am writing to seek your support for a written request to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District to determine the feasibility of an environmental restoration project in the Sepulveda Basin Recreation Area under Section 1135 – Project Modifications to Improve the Environment.

With your strong support and leadership, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and City of Los Angeles have begun construction on the Bull Creek Channel Ecosystem Restoration Project, which will restore wildlife and habitat in the creek channel, and add new trails to give park visitors better access to the area. Construction on the Bull Creek project will be completed in summer 2009, and illustrates how the Corps and City can collaborate successfully on a major environmental restoration project in the Sepulveda Basin Recreation Area.

It is my sincere hope that the Corps and City can initiate discussions on a Section 1135 study for any number of the other tributaries that flow through the Sepulveda Basin into the Los Angeles River such as Haskell Creek, Woodley Creek, Hayvenhurst Creek and Encino Creek.

I look forward to working closely with you and the Corps on this important endeavor to restore wildlife and habitat and provide recreational amenities for park goers in the Sepulveda Basin Recreation Area. Please contact my Policy Deputy, Michael Tou, in our San Fernando Valley Office at (818) 501-9200 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Brad Sherman".

BRAD SHERMAN  
Member of Congress

cc: Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa  
Councilmember Tony Cardenas  
Colonel Thomas H. Magness, IV