

## **SAMPLE LETTER TO SEND TO ELECTED OFFICIALS**

[Date]

[Address]

**RE: SUPPORT FOR UNITED STATES ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS FISCAL YEAR 2011 FUNDING REQUESTS - COMPTON CREEK AND DOMINGUEZ CHANNEL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT**

Dear [Elected Official]:

I am writing to request your support in seeking a Federal appropriation within the Fiscal Year 2011 Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Civil Works Budget (Investigations), for the two projects listed below.

- Compton Creek Reevaluation of Los Angeles County Drainage Area in the amount of \$900,000.
- Dominguez Channel Flood Risk Mitigation Reconnaissance and Feasibility Studies in the amount of \$300,000.

The Los Angeles County Flood Control District recently found that the Compton Creek and Dominguez Channel levees could not be certified to Federal Emergency Management Agency standards because they do not have adequate capacity to contain a 100-year flood.

While the Compton Creek and Dominguez Channels were designed and constructed to provide a specific level of flood protection, over time, urbanization and development of the tributary watersheds have reduced the level of protection due to the increased amount of runoff that the channels must convey.

With the requested funding, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will begin to develop and recommend alternatives to address the capacity deficiencies for these levees. These projects will benefit many of your residents by incorporating objectives including water-quality improvement, aesthetic enhancements, recreational opportunities, and groundwater recharge, where possible. The possible consequences of failing to act could be extremely serious including the potential loss of property, environmental degradation and other significant economic impacts.

Your leadership and support for this important project are sincerely appreciated.

[Insert Name of Individual or Organization]