



September 29, 2020

City of Manhattan Beach
Attention: Mo Estepa Jr.
3621 Bell Avenue
Manhattan Beach, California 90266

**28th Street Storm Drain Infiltration Project
Letter of Support**

Dear Mr. Mo Estepa Jr.,

We understand the City of Manhattan Beach (City) is moving forward with the 28th Street Storm Drain Infiltration Project to improve water quality and the environment. We are aware that the phased project will capture runoff from the 28th Street storm drain system for infiltration, reducing the pollutant loading onto the beach and into the Santa Monica Bay.

The Manhattan Beach Botanical Garden demonstrates the benefits of water conservation and care of native plants without fertilizers in a pesticide and herbicide free environment. We also encourage landscaping in ways to capture as much rain runoff as possible for irrigation and soil infiltration. This projects aligns with our mission of water conservation and will help infuse water into the ground to prevent salt water infiltration along the coast allowing plant life to continue to thrive in the immediate area. This is one of many efforts needed to battle the effects of climate change and prevent environmental degradation and will help the City meet federal clean requirements and regulations to clean up the stormwater runoff.

MBBG supports efforts to improve water quality in the region and Santa Monica Bay. This project takes steps toward meeting water quality goals while enhancing community benefits through tree planting, parking facility improvements, and public engagement.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Charlotte Marshall at 310-374-1290 or mbbgarden.org.

Respectfully submitted,
The Manhattan Beach Botanical Garden Board of Directors

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