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Chair Fernando Armenta
Monterey County Board of Supervisors
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Dear Chair Armenta and Members of the Board:

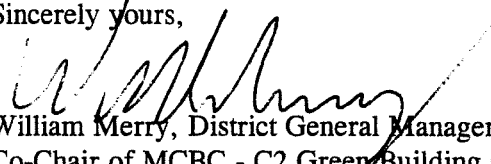
This letter will confirm my support for the Monterey County Business Council's (MCBC) areas of focus; Economic Development, Workforce Development, Business Advocacy and Competitive Clusters and request that the Monterey County Board of Supervisors continue to support the Monterey County Competitive Clusters Project and the Monterey County Business Council in Fiscal Year 2008/09.

The Monterey Regional Waste Management District (District) has been a contributing member of the MCBC for over five years, contributing time and resources, but gaining much more back in return. As Co-Chair of the C2 Green Building Committee of the MCBC, I can attest to the rich exchange of ideas fostered in the well attended meetings of the Committee, with many of the ideas very quickly transformed into model working community programs. The Competitive Clusters Project has proven to be a valuable economic tool that has brought together diverse public/private groups, who rarely communicated, and have created and implemented a number of successful initiatives that generated revenue and jobs. Numerous partnerships have been developed that resulted in programs which have directly contributed to the economic growth of Monterey County.

The MCBC's membership represents all areas of our economy: agriculture, tourism, education, military, public agencies, non-profits, as well as businesses large and small. We here in Monterey County may be facing even tougher economic challenges than the nation as a whole. This is the time to support economic development and organizations that have shown a return on your investment. With continued funding, the Council will continue to bring diverse groups together to develop initiatives that will increase the County's economic base and improve our workforce.

Thank you and we appreciate your consideration for continued funding for the MCBC in the 2008/09 Budget.

Sincerely yours,


William Merry, District General Manager and
Co-Chair of MCBC - C2 Green Building Committee

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