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**OFFICE OF MAYOR JERRY SANDERS
CITY OF SAN DIEGO**

MEMORANDUM

DATE : September 22, 2008
TO : Council President Peters & Honorable Members of the San Diego City Council
FROM : Mayor Jerry Sanders
SUBJECT : Appointments to the Wetlands Advisory Board

It is my pleasure to appoint Dr. Jeffrey Crooks and Brendan Reed to the Wetlands Advisory Board, subject to your confirmation.

Jeffrey Crooks, Ph.D., has a distinguished career in marine science and currently serves as the Research Coordinator for Tijuana River National Estuarine Research Reserve. In addition to his work as a scientist, Dr. Crooks has worked as an educator and author focused on exploring the impact of invasive species on wetlands and tidal areas along the west coast. He currently lectures and holds research positions at the University of California, San Diego, and San Diego State University, and has also taught at the University of San Francisco. Dr. Crooks has published extensively in scientific journals and symposia proceedings and has been the recipient of numerous grants, awards and fellowships. Dr. Crooks has also served on various boards and committees including the Science Advisory Panel for the Wetlands Recovery Project, and Senior Advisory Board for the Southern California Coastal Ocean Observing System. From 1997-1999, Dr. Crooks served on the City's Wetlands Advisory Board. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Colorado State University, a Master of Science degree in Biology from San Diego State University, and a Doctorate degree in Oceanography from the Scripps Institution of Oceanography at University of California, San Diego. Dr. Crooks will serve as a Representative with expertise in Coastal Salt Marsh on the Wetlands Advisory Board. He will replace Jim Whalen, who has resigned, for a term expiring July 1, 2011. Dr. Crooks resides in Tierrasanta.

Brendan Reed is as the Environmental Resource Manager for the City of Chula Vista, responsible for the development and implementation of environmental programs and policies focused on energy management and global climate change. Prior to this position, Mr. Reed worked as the Bay Regional Coordinator for the California Bay-Delta Authority

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in Sacramento, California and oversaw the agency's ecosystem restoration projects in the San Francisco Bay region. His career also includes serving as a Research Assistant for the San Diego State University Foundation where he coordinated a seagrass habitat restoration and monitoring project for the Port of San Diego's Environmental Division and the California Department of Transportation (CalTrans). He was also a Biologist for the Santa Monica Baykeeper in Marina Del Rey, California, where he directed the organization's applied ecological work focusing on giant kelp communities in Santa Monica Bay. Mr. Reed has collaborated with various professional and industry groups and associations focused on watershed health and restoration, and he actively contributes to publications and symposiums related to watershed science and management practices. Mr. Reed received a Master of Science degree in Ecology from San Diego State University, and a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from the University of Richmond in Richmond, Virginia. Mr. Reed will serve as a Representative with expertise in Marine Resources on the Wetlands Advisory Board. He will replace Donna Jones, who has resigned, for a term expiring July 1, 2011. Mr. Reed resides in downtown San Diego.

I ask that you confirm these appointments and join me in acknowledging these individuals for their willingness to give of their time and serve the City of San Diego.



JERRY SANDERS
Mayor

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cc: City Attorney Michael Aguirre
City Clerk Elizabeth Maland