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Dear Ms. Maher:

On behalf of the Zoological Society of San Diego, I am writing to thank you and the San Diego Unified Port District for your grant in support of the Stream Team Stewards of Chollas Creek program. Please find the enclosed report prepared for you by Deirdre Ballou, the project coordinator and Conservation Education Specialist at the San Diego Zoo. This progress report reflects the grant activities that took place between October 1, 2009 and December 31, 2009.

Thank you again for your support of the Zoological Society of San Diego. Any time your schedule permits, we would be pleased to have you join us for a tour of the San Diego Zoo or Wild Animal Park. To make arrangements, please call Kelly Craig, Manager, Corporate and Foundation Relations at (619) 744-3328. She would be happy to arrange the visit.

Sincerely,

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Progress Report ~December 2009

Description of Work Completed:

- All of the Stream Team Stewards school programs have been implemented by the San Diego Zoo and our partner, Groundwork, Chollas Creek. These programs include in-class and after-school presentations and field trips to Chollas Creek Park (located at 38th and Alpha) and the Earthlab (adjacent to Millennial Tech Middle School) as well as beach clean-ups.

School participation list: Chavez, Chollas-Meade, Horton and Emerson-Bandini, Vallencia Park, Nye, Carver, Sherman, and Encanto Elementary Schools.

- All of the classes received the Stream Team Stewards curriculum and training manual. The manual included lesson plans as they relate to the goals and objectives of the program, the dates and times of the school visits, and the transportation arrangement of each of the six schools involved in the after-school program. It also included field activities, the discovery station (in-class) activities, and the final visit activities.
- Storm Drain stenciling was accomplished with the stenciling of 50 storm drains in the community of the Chollas Creek watershed. Plant restoration was also completed in the designated area.
- Evaluations were conducted and analyzed to see if the students have gained valuable knowledge and experience about the watershed they live in. Feedback from the school site leaders/coordinators and the students at the schools were also evaluated. These results will be presented in the final report.

Anticipated work for the next reporting period:

The Stream Team Stewards coordinators and partners will analyze the student evaluations and program results. These results will be shared in the Zoo's final report and presentation to the Port of San Diego.