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Ventura County Chapter – Matilija Coalition
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Matilija Coalition Sign-On Endorsement

The **Matilija Coalition** is an alliance of community groups, businesses, and individuals committed to the environmental restoration of the Ventura River watershed. Starting with the removal of Matilija Dam, the Coalition is working for the recovery of the bioregion and the restoration of the natural sediment supply to the beaches of Ventura. It is known that:

- The residents, stakeholder organizations, and local and regional governmental agencies are investigating several approaches to address the serious problems caused by Matilija Dam
- The Ventura River once provided a significant habitat for a wide variety of fish and wildlife, including anadromous Southern Steelhead populations which may soon become extinct
- The naturally occurring sediment flows of the Ventura River once provided critical resources for the replenishment and functioning of the beaches along the California coast
- Removal of Matilija Dam is not only the most feasible solution to these problems, it is also the approach supported by community and statewide stakeholders, numerous national organizations, and all local governments
- Timely removal is essential for public health and safety, the protection of billions of dollars of property, the restoration of California’s fish and wildlife, and the management of California’s coastal resources

We support the Matilija Coalition’s efforts to remove Matilija Dam and restore the Ventura River bioregion and the sediment flow to Ventura’s beaches.

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