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Doug Myers, President & CEO  
San Diego Zoo Global  
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Dear Doug:

It is with great pleasure that I extend the San Diego County Water Authority’s heartiest congratulations to San Diego Zoo Global for 100 years of excellence. On this remarkable anniversary, it’s worth noting that the Zoo has not only maintained the highest standards of zoological excellence, but it also has become a world-class research organization, a conservation education center, an endangered animal sanctuary and a premier botanical garden.

The Zoo also has emerged as a force for water conservation, a mission for which we at the Water Authority are profoundly grateful. As a conservation organization, San Diego Zoo Global has always looked for ways to ensure that it is conserving natural resources such as water in its daily operations. For instance, San Diego Zoo Global recycles more than 16 million gallons of water annually and uses that water to support its horticultural collection at the San Diego Zoo and the San Diego Zoo Safari Park. In addition, the Zoo uses water-saving technologies such as low-flow toilets, water reclamation ponds and evaporation-reducing mulch around plants – modeling best practices for millions of visitors from our region and around the world.

I’m particularly thankful for the Zoo’s willingness to embrace the regional When in Drought conservation and outreach campaign over the past few years as part of your overarching efforts to promote wise stewardship of water. By highlighting real-world examples of water conservation (such as Safari Park gardens that feature native species and low-water-use plants) you have helped make water-wise living the norm here in San Diego County and far beyond.

Thank you again for all you do. There is no doubt that your passion for conservation of species and natural resources will continue to inspire us during the next century. I wish you all the best and I look forward to future partnerships as we strike out into the future.

Sincerely,

Mark Weston, Chair  
Board of Directors  
San Diego County Water Authority

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