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Dear Mr. Chairman:

I am writing to request that the Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program (MSCP) Steering Committee accept The Nature Conservancy (TNC) as a member of the Steering Committee as part of the Conservation Participant Group.

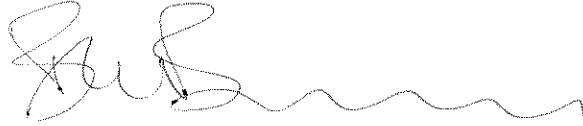
TNC is an international, nonprofit organization dedicated to the conservation of biological diversity. Our mission is to preserve the plants, animals and natural communities that represent the diversity of life on Earth by protecting the lands and waters they need to survive. Our on-the-ground conservation work is carried out in all 50 states and in more than 30 foreign countries and is supported by approximately one million individual members. We have helped conserve nearly 15 million acres of land in the United States and Canada and more than 102 million acres with local partner organizations globally.

For almost 60 years, The Nature Conservancy has invested heavily in more than 600 "freshwater laboratories" around the world, employing rigorous science, business savvy and an unwavering commitment to collaboration. On the Colorado River, the Conservancy has initiated a basin-wide program that addresses problems at both a site specific and basin-wide level. To work at such scale requires strong alliances with government, nonprofits, businesses and local individuals as well as a firm commitment to succeed.

We would like to work with the MSCP members and contribute to the MSCP process in protecting the environment of the lower Colorado River. As a member of the Steering Committee and the Conservation Participant Group, we would fully abide by the terms of the MSCP Funding and Management Agreement and the Steering Committee bylaws and would regularly attend Steering committee meetings. Please consider TNC for membership.

If accepted onto the Committee, I will be the main representative for TNC. My contact information is below. Please contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B. Burman', with a long, wavy horizontal line extending to the right.

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