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Wishtoyo Halts Polluted Stormwater Discharges from Arcturus Manufacturing Corporation's Facility, Protecting the Ormond Beach Wetlands, Mugu Lagoon, and the Pacific Ocean. Settlement Includes Closure Plan To Clean Up the Facility

Oxnard, CA – Wishtoyo Foundation and its Ventura Coastkeeper Program announced today the resolution of its lawsuit filed against Arcturus Manufacturing Corporation in March of 2017. The settlement agreement, filed in federal court along with a dismissal of the suit, results in Arcturus implementing pollution prevention and control measures at its 10 acre Oxnard metal components and products manufacturing facility for aerospace, chemical processing, and oil and gas industries at 6001 Arcturus Ave. nearby the Halaco Superfund site. The measures ensure storm water discharges from its facility comply with the Clean Water Act, and are protective of the ecological, recreational, and cultural uses of Ormond Beach Wetlands, Mugu Lagoon, the Pacific Ocean, and Ventura's coastal waters.

“The agreement ensures there will be no further discharge of toxins into the Ormond Beach Wetlands, Mugu Lagoon, and Pacific Ocean impaired native and endangered wildlife, Chumash cultural resources, and the hard fought Ormond Beach wetlands restoration effort undertaken by the local community,” said Jason Weiner, General Counsel for Wishtoyo Foundation. In addition, the settlements includes a closure plan for the site in conjunction with the City of Oxnard CUPA that requires close to 100 soil testing samples to determine the extent and type of clean up needed, and extensive site decontamination.

The settlement also provides for Arcturus, a subsidiary of Precision Cast Parts, to provide \$75,000 as a Supplemental Environmental Project (“SEP”) for Central Coast Alliance United for a Sustainable Economy (“CAUSE”) and an additional \$75,000 as a SEP to Multicultural Education for Resources Issues Threatening Oceans Foundation Inc (“MERITO”) for projects designed to analyze, reduce, prevent, or otherwise mitigate the ecological effects of stormwater and/or non-stormwater discharges into the Ormond Beach Wetlands, Mugu Lagoon, the Santa Barbara Channel, and or the Southern California Bight. Such projects are likely to include needed educational and community mobilizing for youth and underserved communities to protect these watersheds.

“Because of this case, the historic discharges of pollutants from Arcturus into these sacred waterways will come to an end,” says Mati Waiya, Wishtoyo Executive Director. “To help mitigate any harms to the Chumash Peoples, Ventura County residents, native and endangered wildlife, and our waters, we are also thrilled for what CAUSE and MERITO are going to do to empower our future generations and communities to protect the oceans, inland waters, and environment we all depend upon.”

The Arcturus case is one of over fifteen Clean Water Act actions Wishtoyo has successfully prosecuted to protect Ventura County's inland and coastal waters since launching its industrial stormwater pollution campaign in 2009.

About Wishtoyo Foundation: Founded in 1997, Wishtoyo is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization whose mission is to preserve and protect Chumash culture, the culture of all of diverse communities, and the environment that our current and future generations depend upon. Wishtoyo shares traditional Chumash Native American beliefs, cultural practices, songs, dances, stories, and values with the public at its Chumash Village and through educational programs to promote environmental awareness and natural resources stewardship. Wishtoyo also protects and restores the ecological integrity of inland and coastal waters throughout the traditional Chumash range in Ventura, Los Angeles, Santa Barbara, and San Luis Obispo counties, and throughout California, through restoration projects, scientific analysis, advocacy, litigation, and community organizing, outreach and empowerment. To learn more about Wishtoyo visit us at www.wishtoyo.org.