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Letters to the Editor

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Water reclamation makes more sense

It struck me as odd that you had one story about San Diego Mayor Jerry Sanders rejecting water reclamation (“Sanders against sending treated wastewater to tap,” A1, July 20) and another about environmental groups suing to stop the proposed desalination plant in Carlsbad (“Lawsuit filed over Carlsbad report/Desalination plant plans under fire,” Local, July 20).

The desalination plant would produce very expensive water at the cost of destroying the environment. Water reclamation uses the same technology, but is cheaper because it does not need to filter out salt, and does not have an adverse impact on marine life. Further, we are already drinking the wastewater from Denver, Las Vegas and about 17 other municipalities along the Colorado River.

It is time that we quit dumping fresh water into the ocean, and instead recharge our reservoirs with properly treated reclaimed water.

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