



# City of La.Mesa

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ART MADRID  
Mayor

February 9, 2006

Mr. Jerry Sanders  
City of San Diego Water Department  
City Administration Building  
11<sup>th</sup> Floor, 202 C Street  
San Diego, CA 92101

Dear Mr. Sanders:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jerry".

The City of La Mesa has received and reviewed the video presentation about the Water Reuse Study 2005, as well as the Interim Report of the Water Reuse Study 2005, prepared in June of 2005, and the American Assembly II Statement adopted July 14, 2005. The Study indicates options to increase the use of recycled water in the City of San Diego and surrounding cities, from Poway/Del Mar south to the international border. This water supply includes, among other things, treated wastewater discharged from communities within those river basins, as well as agricultural and urban runoff discharges. In fact, all of the water we use has been recycled (naturally or through a treatment process).

The City of La Mesa understands that the Study is analyzing several options to maximize the amount of recycled water that can be produced by the City's two water reclamation plants. Some options involve traditional uses of recycled water such as for landscape irrigation, outdoor construction, and industrial processing. Other options involve using advanced treatment technologies to produce highly treated recycled water. This technology allows recycle water to be added to groundwater storage basins and water storage reservoirs so that it can help supplement other sources of drinking water. The majority of the La Mesa City Council supports these options as well as the expansion of the recycled water distribution system.

Increasing the production and use of recycled water in the metropolitan area will provide the following benefits:

- Provide greater local control of our water supply.
- Provide a local source of water that can be used beneficially in a variety of ways.

- Decrease and/or offset the amount of water that must be imported into the metropolitan area.
- Decrease the amount of treated wastewater that must be discharged into the ocean.
- Help meet the future water needs of an increasing population.
- Help avoid potential drought restrictions on outdoor watering that could be mandated on imported water used for this purpose.

The majority of the La Mesa City Council is supportive of the City of San Diego's Water Reuse Study 2005 in its efforts to analyze and evaluate all possible options to increase the production and use of recycled water in the region and in our community.

Sincerely,



Art Madrid  
Mayor

cc: Members of the City Council  
City Manager  
Director of Public Works