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San Diego's thirst for reclaimed water

I don't know what planet the writer of "Yuck!/San Diego should flush 'toilet to tap' plan" (Editorial, July 24) lives on, but we here on Earth have been drinking "toilet to tap" all our lives. The water that spews from our taps most likely contains treated toilet water from our northern and eastern neighbors.

What do you think, we San Diegans are currently enjoying our own private, crystal-clear melt from our own glacier, the sparkling effluence from our own artesian spring? Not likely. We here have to rely on 90 percent of the water we use coming to us from elsewhere, and elsewhere means that those along the line have already made use of it before sending it to us through the Colorado River Aqueduct, the California Aqueduct and the All-American Canal.

The inevitable population growth and drought conditions of this area warrant the city's investigation into any alternative water sources, and if the city's Water Reuse Study finds that blending treated water back into our reservoirs is a safe, viable, cost-effective way to recharge our water supply, I believe it's the council's duty and responsibility to at least consider it as an option.

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