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San Diego Region



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The Honorable Ben Hueso
Council President, San Diego City Council
City Administration Building
202 "C" Street, 10th Floor
San Diego, CA 92101

Dear Council President Hueso:

SUBJECT: REGIONAL BOARD SUPPORT FOR THE INDIRECT POTABLE RE-USE (IPR) DEMONSTRATION PROJECT

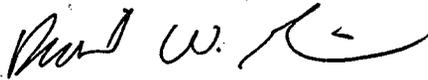
Reliable water supplies are essential for municipal water supply, agricultural and industrial supply, recreation and tourism, and environmental health. Collectively, we face significant challenges in managing water quality, supply, storage, and conveyance in an arid land. Our continued reliance on imported water should be balanced by diversifying, developing, and improving local supplies that are safe, drought resistant, readily accessible, and that present the least risk to the environment.

Recycled water is a critical part of that water supply diversification. Utilizing Indirect Potable Reuse (IPR) in San Diego County can significantly contribute to our local supplies and reduce the nearly 200 million gallons per day of wastewater effluent that is currently discharged into the Pacific Ocean. Implementation of IPR should be a key part of the strategy the City of San Diego and other communities pursue to adapt to the challenges of water supply management in an arid land. It is particularly important to the City of San Diego in order to meet the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and California Coastal Commission mandates for City develop an alternative to section 301(h) waivers for the Point Loma Wastewater Treatment Facility.

California Environmental Protection Agency

For this and the foregoing reasons, the Regional Board strongly supports efforts by local agencies to increase the use of recycled water in the Region. A major part of those efforts is public education and outreach. I therefore urge you to approve the Public Outreach and Program Management contracts for the IPR demonstration project that would support important community outreach and education on recycled wastewater for potable reuse.

Respectfully,



DAVID W. GIBSON
Executive Officer

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Enclosure

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