

# Appendix E. Independent Advisory Panel Statement

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Dear Ms. Steirer:

The Independent Advisory Panel (Panel) organized by the National Water Research Institute (NWRI), has completed its review of the draft document, *City of San Diego Water Reuse Study 2005* and found the revised document to be of considerable merit. It now presents a concise and balanced view of the indirect and non-potable reuse options available to the City of San Diego. The Panel's review enabled its members to have a high level of confidence that the study report has fulfilled the mandate set forth by the City Council.

During the review process the Panel offered significant suggestions regarding the reorganization and enhancement of its content of the *Study* as well as the comprehensive science-based projects. The Panel was pleased to find that their suggestions were taken seriously as seen in the revised June 10, 2005 draft report and in particular that the key technical issues identified (pretreatment, toxicity and health, costs, regulations, and public outreach), were responsibly addressed in the revised draft report and project document.

NWRI and the Panel look forward to continuing its efforts with the City to enhance the opportunities to secure future water supplies.

Sincerely,

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