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January 17, 2006

The Honorable Jerry Sanders, Mayor
City of San Diego
City Administration Building
11th Floor, 202 C Street
San Diego, CA 92101

Dear Mayor Sanders: Jerry

The City of Poway 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 specifies 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 is essential, since 90% of the region's water is imported from the Colorado River and the Sacramento and San Joaquin Rivers, hundreds of miles away. This water supply includes treated wastewater discharged from communities within those river basins, as well as agricultural and urban runoff discharges. Actually, all of the water we use has been recycled (naturally or through a treatment process).

The City of Poway understands that the Study has specified several options to maximize the use of recycled water that can be produced by the City of San Diego's two water reclamation plants. Some options involve familiar uses of recycled water such as landscape irrigation, construction, and industrial processing. Other options involve using advanced water treatment technology to produce highly treated recycled water. This technology allows recycled water to be added to groundwater storage basins and water storage reservoirs so that it can help supplement other sources of drinking water. Poway supports these options, as well as the expansion of the recycled water distribution system.

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Increasing the production and use of recycled water in the metropolitan area will provide many benefits, including:

- Provide greater local control of our water supply;
- Provide a local source of water than can be used effectively 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 our ocean;
- Help meet the future water needs of an increasing population;
- Help to avoid potential drought restrictions on outdoor watering that could be mandated on imported water used for this purpose.

The City of Poway 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,

Mickey Cafagna
Mayor

cc: Members of the City Council
Rod Gould, City Manager
Penny Riley, Assistant City Manager
Jim Howell, Director of Public Works