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Ms. Marsi Steirer
Deputy Director, Water Policy & Strategic Planning
CITY OF SAN DIEGO, WATER DEPARTMENT
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Dear Ms. Steirer:

The Ramona Municipal Water District has received the Water Reuse Study 2005 presentation. This Study under the request of the San Diego City Council, has been researching options to increase the use of recycled water in the City. The Study's final report will be provided to the City Council for input and policy direction.

The Ramona Municipal Water District understands that the Study has evaluated several options to maximize the use of recycled water that can be produced by the City's two water reclamation plants in North City and South Bay. 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.

Increasing the production and use of recycled water in the City will provide many benefits to City residents and the San Diego area as follows:

- Decrease and offset the amount of water that must be imported into the City from hundreds of miles away and decrease the amount of treated wastewater that must be discharged into the ocean.
- Help meet the water needs of population projections that indicate by 2030, the City could need 25 percent more water than it uses today
- Avoid drought restrictions on outdoor watering that could be mandated on imported water used for this purpose
- Provide a local source of water that can be used beneficially in a variety of ways

The Ramona Municipal Water District is supportive of the Water Department'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 our region.

Sincerely,

RAMONA MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

Thomas L. Brammell
General Manager