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January 27, 2006

Mr. Jerry Sanders
Mayor, City of San Diego
City Administration Building
11th Floor, 202 C Street
San Diego, California 92101

Dear Mayor Sanders:

The City of Imperial Beach views with great interest the 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 indicates 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 vital, 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, among other things, treated wastewater discharged from communities within those river basins, as well as agricultural and urban runoff discharges.

We understand that the Study has indicated several ways 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 that can be added to groundwater storage basins and water storage reservoirs to supplement other sources of potable water. We support 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 the following benefits:

- Provide greater local control of our water supply
- Provide a local source of water that can be used beneficially 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 avoid potential drought restrictions that could be mandated on water uses

We support the City of San Diego's Water Reuse Study 2005 in its analysis of all possible options to increase the production and use of recycled water in the region and in our community.

Sincerely,



Diane Rose
Mayor