

**CITY OF EL CAJON****MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL**

January 30, 2006

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

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

Dear Mayor Sanders:

The City of El Cajon 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 recently had a presentation to our City Council on the Water Reuse Study presented by Marsi Steirer of your staff. 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. In fact, all of the water we use has been recycled (naturally or through a treatment process).

The City of El Cajon understands that the study has indicated 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.

The City of El Cajon supports 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,

Mark Lewis
Mayor

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c: Teri Basta, Padre Dam Municipal Water District
Dennis Davies, Public Works Department