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Ms. Marsi Steirer
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RE: Support for Water Reuse Study

Dear Ms. Steirer:

On behalf of San Diego Coastkeeper and the San Diego Audubon Society, I would like to thank you for your recent presentation on the Water Reuse Study. This Study, requested by the San Diego City Council, is researching options to increase the use of recycled water in the City. At the conclusion of the Study, an impartial, balanced and comprehensive report will be provided to the City Council for input and potential policy direction.

We understand that the Study is analyzing several options to maximize the amount of recycled water that can be produced by the City's two water reclamation plants. Some options involve traditional uses of recycled water such as for landscape irrigation, outdoor construction, and industrial processing. Other options involve advanced treatment technologies to produce highly treated recycled water to increase drinking water supplies by adding it to groundwater storage basins and water storage reservoirs.

Increasing the production and use of recycled water in the City will provide the following benefits (in part) to City residents and the San Diego region:

- Decrease the amount of water that is diverted from waterways and ecosystems hundreds of miles away
- Provide for water security and drought resistance for our region's economy, quality of life, and public health

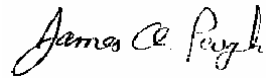
- Enhance the environment by reducing the volume of treated wastewater and biosolids discharged into the ocean

We appreciate and support the Water Reuse Study and its efforts to research and analyze all the possible options to reduce our dependency on imported water by better and greater use of recycled water for the City of San Diego.

Sincerely,



Bruce Reznik
Executive Director
San Diego Coastkeeper



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