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NEWS RELEASE

**Faulconer Travels to Washington to Advocate on  
Critical Water Issues for San Diego**  
*Mayor Seeks Funds for “Pure Water,” City’s Water Recycling Program*

San Diego, CA – Mayor Kevin L. Faulconer will head to Washington, D.C., this weekend and spend several days advocating on behalf of San Diego on critical water issues.

Faulconer will be meeting with members of Congress and the Environmental Protection Agency on securing federal funds for the City’s Pure Water capital improvement program.

“The goal of the Pure Water program is to create a sustainable, locally-controlled, drought-proof water supply for the city of San Diego,” Mayor Faulconer said. “Pure Water is a cutting-edge approach that would eliminate the need for upgrades at the Point Loma Wastewater Treatment Plant and save billions for San Diego taxpayers.”

The 20-year Pure Water program is designed to purify enough wastewater to provide one-third of San Diego’s water supply by 2035. It calls for the construction of a nearly \$2 billion water-purification plant that would eventually produce 83 million gallons per day.

The project would divert wastewater flows away from the Point Loma Wastewater Treatment Plant, which treats wastewater before it’s piped into the ocean. That would allow for a higher level of treatment for wastewater and negate the need for upgrades at the Point Loma plant.

The new water-purification plant is a prime example of a project that would meet the EPA’s integrated planning and permitting framework, which calls for non-traditional solutions that balance federal compliance and environmental protection with overall water resource needs and cost-effectiveness.

Faulconer also has scheduled visits with General Services Administration officials to discuss border issues and U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development officials to discuss homeless issues.

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