



July 2, 2014

Honorable Scott Peters
United States Congress
2410 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Re: WRRDA Authorization for the North San Diego County Regional Recycled Water Project

Dear Congressman Peters:

On behalf of the Water Reliability Coalition (WRC), we are writing to express our support for the Olivenhain Municipal Water District's, Carlsbad Municipal Water District's, San Elijo Joint Powers Authority's, Leucadia Wastewater District's, City of Oceanside's, Vista Irrigation District's, Vallecitos Water District's, and Rincon del Diablo Municipal Water District's (North County Coalition) request for funding from the Water Resources Reform and Development Act (WRRDA) to pursue the expansion of potable water reuse programs within the North San Diego County Regional Recycled Water Project.

Established in 2008, the WRC is a broad-based affiliation of 26 environmental, consumer, business, labor and technical organizations that have come together to advance water reuse as a strategy to develop a safe, reliable, sustainable and cost-effective local water supply for the San Diego region.

Potable water reuse is a renewable resource that can reduce the impacts and costs associated with discharging waste to the ocean while providing a cost-effective and sustainable high-quality water supply that does not rely on uncertain hydrologic conditions associated with climate change. It is an effective strategy to diversify our water portfolio and create a safe, reliable, sustainable and cost-effective local water supply.

The WRC recognizes the valuable role recycled water plays in planning for a secure and sufficient future water supply for our communities, and strongly supports the regional approach of the North County Coalition.

In addition to the benefits to the San Diego County region, numerous federal objectives will be advanced through the development of potable water reuse projects within the North San Diego County Regional Recycled Water Project. Increased potable water reuse production and distribution capacity reduces demand on water from other sources, including local groundwater, surface water, and water imported into San Diego County from the Colorado River basin or the



Sacramento-San Joaquin Bay-Delta. These components developed as part of this project will include energy efficiency measures in accordance with AB 32 and the California Environmental Quality Act, and mitigation measures will be incorporated to reduce the project's contribution to greenhouse gas emissions.

The WRC supports The North County Coalition's efforts to expand potable water reuse and respectfully requests your support of a WRRDA authorization for the North San Diego County Regional Recycled Water Project.

If you have any questions regarding the Water Reliability Coalition's support for the Project, feel free to contact our chief consultant, Lani Lutar, at 619-838-9065 or lanilutar@gmail.com.

Regards,

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Chris Cate
San Diego County Taxpayers Assn.
WRC Co-Chair

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Matt O'Malley
San Diego Coastkeeper
WRC Co-Chair



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