

Honorable _____
(Send to Asm. and Sen.)

RE: Support for PV Golf Course Water Recycling Project

Dear _____:

On behalf of the South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG), I want to thank you for your ongoing support for California's water issues, and your dedication to reducing California's current water demand. As Governor Jerry Brown has identified in the California Water Action Plan, the use of recycled water is vital to this effort. For this reason, we support West Basin's effort to deliver recycled water to the City of Palos Verdes Estates, and eliminate the use of potable water at the Palos Verdes Golf Club.

The Palos Verdes Golf Course Project would extend an existing recycled water pipeline 2.5 miles through the City of Torrance and would connect the City of Palos Verdes Estates, and specifically the Palos Verdes Golf Course to the Harbor / South Bay Water Recycling System. With an estimated cost of \$6 million, the project would deliver 200 Acre Feet of recycled water each year, and would conserve enough water for 1,600 Californians each year.

As with all of the recycled water programs and projects in the South Bay, this project will be instrumental in reducing our region's dependence on imported water supplies from the environmentally sensitive Bay/Delta and the federally controlled Colorado River. Further, this project will directly reduce the amount of effluent discharged into the Santa Monica Bay, a National Marine Estuary, and enable the region to withstand the current drought crisis.

For the reasons stated herein, the South Bay Cities Council of Governments supports the Palos Verdes Golf Course Project. If you have any questions regarding this project, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Thank you, again, for your past support and your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Cc (members of the CA State Assembly and Senate)

Honorable Jerry Brown
c/o State Capitol, Suite 1173
Sacramento, California 95814

RE: Support for Increased Recycled Water Funding

Dear Governor Brown:

On behalf of the South Bay Cities Council of Governments, I want to thank you for your ongoing support for California's water issues, and your dedication to reducing California's current water demand. As you have identified in your California Water Action Plan, the use of recycled water is vital to this effort. As regions throughout the State prepare to meet your challenge, it is equally important that we expedite the use of Proposition 1 funds, while providing proper oversight to ensure the funds are directed towards quality projects, with maximum benefits. With this in mind, we urge you, and the California State Legislature, to increase funding in the 2015-2016 Budget for recycled water projects.

With overwhelming support of the electorate, Proposition 1 passed and will provide \$7.5 billion to tackle California's current and future water supply and infrastructure needs. Included in the bond, Chapter 9 dedicates \$725 million in competitive grants and loans for recycled water and desalination projects. While we applaud your quick use of these funds, with \$131 million included in your proposed budget, we respectfully request an increase in the funds made available for recycled water in the 2015-2016 Budget.

Currently, California WaterReuse has identified nearly \$3 billion in recycled water projects throughout the state. The South Bay Cities Council of Governments, representing municipalities in the South Bay portion of Los Angeles County, has 15 recycled water projects identified, which will cost approximately \$138 million, and produce almost 14,000 Acre Feet of recycled water. This would conserve enough potable water for 112,000 Californians each year. As California continues to endure dire drought conditions, and as we plan for recurring and prolonged drought periods, there is no better immediate investment than recycled water, as every drop recycled is a drop conserved.

The recycled water programs and projects in the South Bay will be instrumental in reducing our region's dependence on imported water supplies from the environmentally sensitive Bay/Delta and the federally controlled Colorado River. Further, these projects will directly reduce the amount of effluent discharged into the Santa Monica Bay, a National Marine Estuary, and enable the region to withstand the current drought crisis.

For the reasons stated herein, we support increased funding for recycled water projects in the 2015-2016 Budget. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Thank you, again, for your past support and your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Cc (members of the CA State Assembly and Senate)

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