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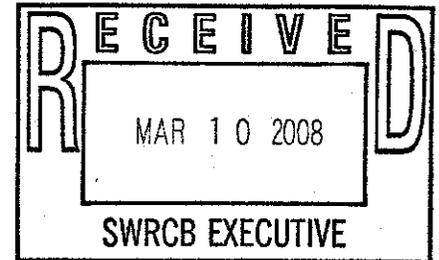
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March 10, 2008

3/18/08 Bd. Mtg. Item 13
Recycle Water Policy
Deadline: 3/10/08 by 12 p.m.

Ms. Tam M. Doduc, Chair
and Board Members
State Water Resources Control Board
1001 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95814



RE: Comment Letter- Proposed Recycled Water Policy

Ms. Doduc and Board Members:

The Planning and Conservation League (PCL) commends the Board for taking the initiative to create recycled water policy that encourages California's development of this viable resource. PCL strongly supports the aggressive implementation and development of recycled water in California. Recycled water is a low-impact water resource which promotes regional water self-sufficiency and decreases reliance on water diversions from the Delta, and other sensitive ecosystems.

PCL believes that the latest proposed recycled water draft has significantly changed from the previous draft and has much room for improvement. We encourage the Board to consider writing another draft of the proposed policy. Recycled water policy should include the breadth of all recycled water projects available in the State. Most notably the proposed policy omits any mention of recycled water as a resource for urban use. The latest draft does not provide guidelines and regulations for urban development of recycled water projects. The 2003 Recycled Water Task Force found, "by 2030 recycled water use can increase to 2 million acre-feet per year, with proper incentives, of that 1.6 million acre-feet would be considered new water supply." PCL respectfully suggests that the Board consider creating a stakeholder group to engage in a drafting session, facilitated by the State Water Resources Control Board, to create comprehensive policy for recycled water use in California.

PCL is confident that the Board can expediently form a stakeholder group to draft new policy which will result in broader acceptance and compliance with regulations. We appreciate the Board's efforts to advance the use of recycled water in California and the opportunity to submit comments.

Sincerely,

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