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Water Recycling
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March 26, 2007

Ms. Tam Doduc, Chair
State Water Resources Control Board
P.O. Box 100
Sacramento, CA 95812

Dear Ms. Doduc:

RECYCLED WATER STATEWIDE POLICY

The County of Los Angeles supports the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) developing a Statewide policy on recycled water. The County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works has extensive experience in utilizing recycled water for groundwater recharge purposes. The County of Los Angeles recognizes there are other uses for recycled water and understands the increasingly important role recycled water will play in meeting the future demand for water within California. On February 20, 2007, the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors approved forming the Office of Water Recycling and charged the office with doubling the amount of recycled water used within the County by 2030.

The County of Los Angeles Office of Water Recycling was formed, in part, to work to address inconsistencies in State laws and regulations that often result in barriers to expanded use of recycled water. A properly crafted Statewide policy would help to eliminate many of these inconsistencies and barriers. In general, such a policy should begin with viewing recycled water as a water supply resource to be utilized rather than as a waste to be controlled. State laws and regulations should be modified to classify or treat recycled water as a water supply resource rather than as a waste.



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The County of Los Angeles Office of Water Recycling supports the development of a Statewide water recycling policy that ensures consistent interpretation of requirements among the Regional Boards. We look forward to working with the SWRCB to create such a policy and to increase the use of recycled water to help satisfy California's future demand for water. Please contact Mr. Daniel J. Lafferty at (626) 458-2532 should you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

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