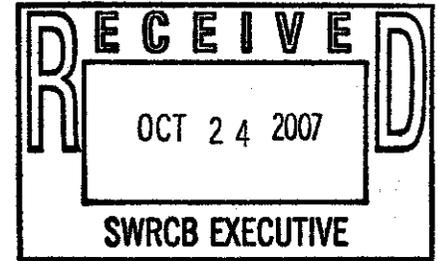


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Comment Letter - Proposed Water Recycling Policy

Dear Chair Dodue and Members of the Board:

The Inland Empire Utilities Agency (IEUA) strongly supports the efforts of the SWRCB to develop and adopt a Water Recycling Policy. I testified at the SWRCB Workshop on October 2, 2007, at MWD. IEUA endorses the comments submitted by the WaterReuse Association, SCAP, CASA, and ACWA. I was also a member of the Governor's Recycled Water Task Force (report issued in 2003) and encourage the SWRCB to continue to implement the Task Force recommendations.

In addition, as chair of the Southern California Salinity Coalition (SCSC) and the author of the MWD/USBR Salinity Management Action Plan (June 1999), I have been actively involved in comprehensive salinity (TDS) control strategies in close coordination with the Regional Boards and the SWRCB for over a decade. For example, the SARWQCB 2004 Basin Plan amendment incorporating "maximum benefit" strategies for watershed TDS and nitrogen water quality management is a "model" for the concept of salt implementation plans (Policy Number 9).

IEUA has developed a three-year Business Plan (www.ieua.org) to increase our recycled water use from 13,000 AFY in FY 2006/2007 to 50,000 AFY by 2011. What is noteworthy is that these recycled water projects, including the recharge of recycled water into the Chino Basin, have received all the necessary permits from the SARWQCB and DPH to be implemented.

Therefore, we would recommend the SWRCB, in its Recycled Water Policy, acknowledge and applaud the efforts of the Regional Boards who have developed Basin Plans and permitting procedures that have facilitated the implementation of recycled water projects.

In summary, IEUA appreciates very much the efforts of the SWRCB members to encourage more recycled water use statewide consistent with Water Code 13576 and 13577. With the current statewide drought conditions, the urgent need to accelerate development of recycled water supplies is a critical water policy priority.

Sincerely,
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