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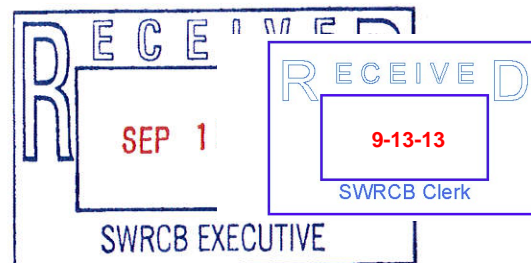
JEAN FULLER

SENATOR, EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT

September 13, 2013

Ms. Felicia Marcus, Chair
State Water Resources Control Board
1001 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Yucca Valley Groundwater Protection



Dear Chair Marcus,

As a State Senator representing the Town of Yucca Valley and the Hi-Desert Water District (HDWD), I would respectfully urge the SWRCB's expedited approval of the annual Clean Water State Revolving Fund Intended Use Plan (IUP) for submission to the US EPA in October.

The IUP draft identifies the HDWD as an "A" priority for approximately \$130 million in loans to eliminate California's largest septic system, to protect the region's groundwater and to enhance water supplies.

The Legislature has completed work on several bills to guide the remediation of nitrate-contaminated groundwater. This project could be one of the first to help with implementation. As with many rural California communities, the local economy remains depressed and there is real pain among residents, struggling to find employment. Guaranteeing drinkable groundwater will be a boost to creating good jobs.

HDWD informs me that the project is shovel ready and I am pleased to be able assist you and your colleagues with this important matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Jean Fuller".

JEAN FULLER
Senator, 18th District

cc:

Thomas Howard, SWRCB Executive Director

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