



November 6, 2020

Chairwoman Gloria Gray
Board of Directors
The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
700 N. Alameda Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: Board Letter Item No. 7-3
MWD Engineering and Operations Committee
November 9, 2020

Dear Chairwoman Gray and Members of the Board:

On behalf of the 200 members of the Southern California Water Coalition (SCWC), I urge your approval of funding to initiate and complete the environmental review process for the Regional Recycled Water Project, a partnership between Metropolitan and LA Sanitation & Environment (LASAN). It is essential that funding be approved to move forward with the evaluation of potential environmental impacts to help shape future decisions regarding final approval for the project. The proposed project is designed to purify wastewater from the Carson Sanitation plant to produce high quality water that could be used again for local water supply deliveries.

Once completed, the full-scale regional recycled water program would produce up to 150 million gallons daily, enough to serve more than 500,000 homes. Purified water from the advanced treatment facility would be delivered through 60 miles of new pipelines to the region's groundwater basins, industrial facilities and two of Metropolitan's treatment plants.

Reusing the water we have in Southern California is a smart way to stretch our water supplies and is highlighted as an important piece of Governor Gavin Newsom's Water Resiliency Portfolio, the Administration's blueprint for equipping California to cope with more extreme droughts and floods, rising temperatures, declining fish populations, over-reliance on groundwater and other challenges. Making greater use of recycled water improves our region's ability to be more resilient, in the event of natural disaster or imported water disruption. Water recycling can also reduce the need to import water over long distances and can help replenish and enhance our limited groundwater supplies. Our members and partners have successfully conducted projects to add recycled water to their water portfolios, but much more could be done. For all of the above reasons, the SCWC urges your approval of funding for the environmental review process for the Carson project.





If you have any questions or wish additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (949) 632-2074 or by email at cwilson@socalwater.org. Thank you for the opportunity to engage in your deliberative process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Charley Wilson".

Charley Wilson
Executive Director and CEO
Southern California Water Coalition