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The Honorable Ken Salazar
Secretary, U.S. Department of the Interior
1849 C Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Secretary Salazar:

I am writing to express my support for the application submitted by the Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District (SRCSD) to the WaterSMART grant program.

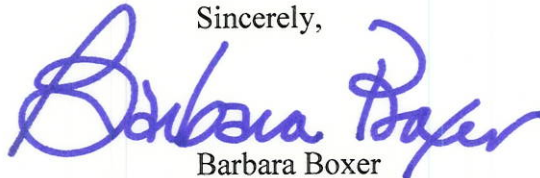
The SRCSD, formed in 1973, is responsible for providing regional wastewater conveyance and treatment services to residential, industrial and commercial customers in the County of Sacramento. The District has developed a proposal, the South Sacramento County Agriculture and Habitat Lands Water Recycling Project, to maximize its use of recycled water to improve water conservation and enhance wildlife habitat in Sacramento County.

If awarded this grant in the amount of \$150,000, the SRCSD will conduct a feasibility study to deliver recycled water from the treatment plant to the southern portion of the county for agricultural uses. If successful, the SRCSD will expand the pilot project to provide reliable sources of water to additional agricultural land and customize treatment levels for specific irrigation purposes.

This project is supported by the SRCSD Board of Directors, local government agencies, and the following conservation organizations: The Nature Conservancy, Ducks Unlimited, Friends of the Swainson's Hawk, and the Sacramento Area Creeks Council.

I thank you in advance for your consideration of this application. Should you or your staff have any questions regarding this matter, please contact my Deputy State Director, Stacey Smith, at 916-448-2787.

Sincerely,



Barbara Boxer
United States Senator

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