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Secretary Ken Salazar
WaterSMART Program
Bureau of Reclamation
Department of the Interior
1849 C Street, N.W.
Washington DC 20240

Dear Secretary Salazar:

The Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District (SRCSD) has requested my support for its application for funding under the Department of the Interior's WaterSMART Grants program for the South Sacramento County Agriculture and Habitat Lands Water Recycling (SSCAHLWR) Project.

I understand that, through this project, the SRCSD plans to send tertiary treated water from its regional wastewater treatment plant through a pipeline to agricultural areas and conservation lands. As a result, approximately 2,000 to 8,000 acres of agricultural land could be irrigated with recycled water, instead of groundwater, thereby enabling 10,000 to 40,000 acre feet of water to be put to additional beneficial uses yearly. I further recognize that this project would improve Bay Delta water quality; be put towards the goal of regional self-reliance; and bolster critical habitat.

I am aware that the SRCSD is dedicated to protecting the environment through cost-effective, reliable, and safe treatment and disposal of wastewater; and I recognize the importance of revitalizing the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta thus ensuring reliable future water supplies throughout California

I support this application and hope that the SRCSD's grant request will be given full and fair consideration consistent with applicable laws and regulations. I understand that this funding would enable the SRCSD to enhance safe and reliable water supplies for our region and help improve Bay Delta sustainability.

Should you have further questions, please feel free to contact my Walnut Creek district office at 925-932-8899.

Sincerely,



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