

SACRAMENTO WATER RECYCLING COALITION

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Subject: Support for Sacramento Regional Water Recycling Program

Dear Interested Parties:

The Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District (Regional San) safely treats and disinfects an average of 150 million gallons a day of municipal wastewater - water that could be put to beneficial use as a recycled water supply for the Sacramento region. Unfortunately, most of this valuable and reliable water supply is not being recycled due to a lack of funding to construct the required infrastructure. Currently, Regional San's Water Reclamation Facility produces up to 5 million gallons per day (mgd) of tertiary recycled water for landscape irrigation use in south Sacramento County.

We the undersigned Sacramento regional organizations have unified to form the Sacramento Water Recycling Coalition to gain support and funding to promote the expansion of the water recycling program for the Sacramento region. We believe that expanding the recycled water program will provide environmental and economic benefits. We support the concept of a Sacramento Water Recycling Program that will:

- Provide a sustainable water supply for the Sacramento region;
- Contribute to the water recycling goals of the State;
- Provide water conservation and an opportunity for water quality benefits.

We recognize recycled water as a valuable commodity that can be an important resource in the region's overall water portfolio. In 2007, Regional San completed a Water Recycling Opportunities Study that identified several local and regional projects that could benefit from the use of recycled water. The South Sacramento County Agriculture and Habitat Lands Water Recycling Project is one of the projects identified by this study. This project would provide a safe and reliable supply of tertiary treated water for agricultural uses, reduce groundwater pumping, support habitat restoration efforts, and provide near-term benefits to the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and the region.

We respectfully request your support in securing a commitment of significant state and federal funding assistance for a Sacramento Regional Water Recycling Program. Financial support will mean that a project with multiple benefits, including benefits to the Delta, would be supported by all levels of government ensuring an equitable distribution of costs.

We sincerely appreciate your support and your assistance. If you have any questions or comments regarding our program or our projects, please feel free to contact Terrie Mitchell, Manager Regional San Legislative and Regulatory Affairs at (916) 876-6092 or MitchellT@sacsewer.com.





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