



March 27, 2017

The Honorable Bill Quirk
Member, California State Assembly
P.O. Box 942849
Sacramento, California 94249-0020

RE: SUPPORT AB 574 (Quirk) -- Potable Reuse
(As Amended March 23, 2017)

Dear Assembly Member Quirk:

On behalf of WaterReuse California, I want to thank you for introducing AB 574 and your dedication to maximizing potable reuse water in California. AB 574 will put California on a path to achieving statewide water recycling goals; and potentially provide an additional 1.1 million acre-feet (MAF) of water per year, enough water to serve more than 8 million Californians (one-fifth of the state's population) by 2020.

AB 574 will eliminate current confusing statutory definitions for "indirect" and "direct" potable reuse, while distinguishing subcategories of potable reuse. These subcategories, as generally reflected in the recent State Water Resources Control Board (State Board) report to the Legislature ("Investigation on the Feasibility of Developing Uniform Water Recycling Criteria for Direct Potable Reuse") include: groundwater augmentation, reservoir augmentation, raw water augmentation and treated water augmentation. Further, AB 574 will require the State Board to adopt statewide regulations for potable reuse for raw water augmentation by 2021.

As noted by Governor Brown in signing SB 322 (Pavley, 2013), "California needs more high quality water and recycling is key to getting there." Several regions in the state already utilize potable reuse water to augment groundwater supplies for drinking water purposes. Several other large-scale projects are in the planning stages to augment surface water supplies with potable reuse water. The next important milestone will be to develop regulations for projects that blend potable reuse water with raw water supplies.

For these reasons, WaterReuse California is proud to sponsor AB 574, and supports your effort to maximize the use of recycled water in California. If we can be of any assistance to you in this effort, please do not hesitate to ask. Again, thank you for your effort and attention to California's most critical issue, water supply.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jennifer West". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jennifer West
Managing Director