



February 28, 2017

The Honorable Kevin De Leon
California State Senate
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: **SB 5 (De Leon)** -- California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access For All Act of 2018 – SUPPORT

Dear Senator De Leon:

On behalf of WateReuse California, I am pleased to inform you that we support your bill, SB 5, which proposes a \$3.5 billion general obligation bond measure that would go before voters in the June 2018 general election.

We thank you for the inclusion of \$375 million in funding for recycled water projects in California. While Proposition 1 contained significant funding for recycled water, because of the historic drought those monies have all been spent or are formally committed. But the need remains great. The State Water Resources Control Board (Board) still has a funding list of more than \$4 billion in recycled water and potable reuse projects. These projects when built will not only provide drought protection, but will also help to create a diversified water portfolio, which is essential in adapting to climate change.

We also appreciate that under SB 5 the funds would continue to be administered by the Board's existing local assistance program, which funds both recycled water and potable reuse projects. In our view, the Board has done an efficient job of implementing Proposition 1 recycled water funding and should continue to administer the program.

Thank you again for introducing SB 5 and for your support of recycled water.

Sincerely,

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

Jennifer West
Managing Director
WateReuse California

cc: Members, Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee