



April 11, 2017

The Honorable Scott Wiener
California State Senate
State Capitol, Room 4066
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 740 (Wiener) On-Site Water Reuse Systems - SUPPORT (as proposed to be amended)

Dear Senator Wiener:

On behalf of WaterReuse California (WRCA), I write to express our support for your bill SB 740, which will establish uniform public health requirements for on-site reuse of non-potable water systems.

WaterReuse California supports policies that acknowledge that communities in the state have different water reuse needs. Communities may choose recycled water for landscape irrigation, commercial and industrial reuse, environmental enhancement, potable reuse, or on-site non-potable reuse, as is contemplated in SB 740. The realities of California's differing geography, urbanization patterns, access to funding and differing levels of public acceptance for water recycling, make one type of water reuse for all of California impracticable. WRCA supports the proposed amendment in SB 740 that clarifies on-site reuse would be a community choice.

But water reuse in all these forms must be protective of public health. WRCA supports SB 740 as it will establish uniform guidelines for the protection of public health to assist local jurisdictions in developing oversight and management programs for on-site non-potable water systems. The National Water Research Institute recently published a report from an Independent Advisory Panel that made recommendations for guidance regarding management and treatment for on-site treated wastewater. That panel published their final report, "Risk-Based Framework for the Development of Public Health Guidance for Decentralized Non-Potable Water Systems." Among other things, the report found that guidance is needed on setting appropriate performance criteria and developing an appropriate structure to manage, monitor and permit these types of systems.

For these reasons WaterReuse California supports SB 740. Please contact me at (916) 669-8401 if I can be of assistance to you on this measure.

Sincerely,

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

Jennifer West
Managing Director

cc: Members, Senate Environmental Quality Committee