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State Water Resources Control Board  
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Via Email: [commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov)

**Subject: Comment Letter –CWSRF Leveraging-- October 3, 2017 Board Meeting**

Dear Chair Marcus and Members of the Board,

The California Association of Sanitation Agencies (CASA) and WaterReuse California appreciate the opportunity to provide comments on the proposal to leverage the Clean Water State Revolving Fund to \$2.2 billion. Our member agencies are engaged in advancing recycled water production, as well as generating renewable energy supplies, and producing and beneficially using biosolids and other valuable resources. Through these efforts CASA and WaterReuse CA help create a clean and sustainable environment for Californians. The Clean Water SRF is a critical source of financing for many of these projects.

We support the staff proposal to increase the leveraging of the fund, and agree with the rationale provided. The CWSRF will need additional cash through 2022 for current commitments plus the anticipated new commitments in SFY 2017-18. The SFY 2017-18 CWSRF IUP also indicates there will be a significant backlog of other needs after Prop. 1 and PF funds are committed.

This additional \$2.2 billion of authorization is an important step, and the Board retains considerable leveraging capacity beyond this. Our associations would like to work with you and your staff to explore: (1) pledging additional assets and (2) cross securing/cross collateralizing \$3.3 billion in clean water revolving assets with \$1.7 billion of drinking water revolving assets. Both funds continue to grow with new federal appropriations, state match, and retained income.

We look forward to our continued partnership to build critical infrastructure to meet our state's needs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Roberta Larson'.

Roberta Larson  
Executive Director

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Jennifer West  
Managing Director