



March 22, 2018

The Honorable Bob Wieckowski  
Chair, Senate Committee on Environmental Quality  
State Capitol, Room 4085  
Sacramento, CA, 95814

RE: SUPPORT IN CONCEPT SB 966 (Wiener) – Water Quality Criteria for Onsite Treated Non-potable Water Systems, as amended on March 21, 2018

Dear Senator Wieckowski:

On behalf of WaterReuse California (WRCA), I write to express support in concept of SB 966 (Wiener).

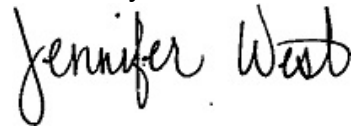
WaterReuse California supports policies that acknowledge that communities in the state have different water reuse needs. Communities may choose recycled water for landscape irrigation, commercial and industrial use, environmental enhancement, potable reuse, or on-site non-potable reuse, as is contemplated in SB 966. 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.

Water reuse in all forms, must be protective of public health. WRCA supports the provisions in SB 966 that 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 has 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.

Individual WRCA members are working with the author and the sponsor to address several issues related to the influence of local water agencies on the approval of projects in their service territory, and how current projects are treated under any new program created. As the bill moves through the process, we hope these issues will be addressed and WRCA can move to a full support position.

Thank you for your consideration on this important issue. Please feel free to call me at (916) 669-8401 if you have questions regarding our position.

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: Senator Jeff Stone, Vice Chair, Senate Environmental Quality Committee  
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