



February 21, 2020

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein  
United States Senate  
331 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Ken Calvert  
United States House of Representatives  
2205 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Senator Feinstein and Congressman Calvert,

In 2016, due to your steadfast efforts, Congress established a competitive grant program within the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation's (USBR) Title XVI Water Reclamation and Reuse program to provide federal cost-share grant funding for water recycling projects in the arid West. As you know, Title XVI is the only active federal program with a focus on water recycling. We write today to thank you for your support for the program, and to ask you to help secure increased funding for the Title XVI-WIIN program in FY 2021.

Water projects funded through the Title XVI program have been used to increase the supply of drinking water, generate sustainable irrigation water, and help industries expand and create jobs, among other regionally important economic purposes. The program is not limited to the reuse of municipal wastewater—it also helps communities identify beneficial uses for industrial, agricultural, and domestic wastewater, as well as impaired ground and surface water.

There are currently 56 Title XVI-WIIN eligible projects awaiting assistance, with a total of more than \$700 million in eligible federal cost-share. This list will only grow as more projects become eligible. Title XVI-WIIN is an integral part of the federal funding partnership with local communities throughout the West to ensure they have safe and sustainable water supplies to meet demand. This is especially true in California, which has received the vast majority of Title XVI funding.

Given the critical role water reuse plays in California's future water management, and given the overwhelming demand for Title XVI-WIIN projects across the West, we respectfully request your assistance in securing at least \$50 million for this program in FY 2021.

Thank you for considering our request. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Jennifer West at [jwest@watereuse.org](mailto:jwest@watereuse.org).

Sincerely,

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Black Water Consulting Engineers, Inc.

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Carpentaria Valley Water District  
Central Contra Costa Sanitary District  
City of Modesto  
City of Palo Alto  
City of Pismo Beach  
City of Roseville  
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City of Santa Cruz Water Department  
Eastern Municipal Water District  
El Dorado Irrigation District  
Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District  
Epic CleanTec  
Goleta Sanitary District  
Inland Empire Utilities Agency  
Irvine Ranch Water District  
Las Virgenes Municipal Water District  
Long Beach Water Department  
Mesa Water District  
Metropolitan Water District of Southern California  
Monterey One Water  
Novato Sanitary District  
Olivenhain Municipal Water District  
Orange County Sanitation District  
Orange County Water District  
Otay Water District  
Padre Dam Municipal Water District  
Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency  
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Riverside Public Utilities  
Rowland Water District  
Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District  
San Diego County Water Authority  
San Francisco Public Utilities Commission  
Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County  
Scotts Valley Water District  
Silicon Valley Clean Water  
Soquel Creek Water District  
Southern California Alliance of Publicly Owned Treatment Works  
Tanner Pacific, Inc.  
Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District  
Valley Water  
WaterReuse Association  
WaterReuse California  
Water Replenishment District of Southern California  
West Bay Sanitary District  
Western Municipal Water District  
Yosemite Vista Estates Mutual Wastewater Agency  
Yucaipa Valley Water District