



April 14, 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 2022.

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 dozens of 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 strongly urge you to provide no less than \$50 million for this program in FY 2022.

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

Sincerely,

Arcadis  
California Association of Sanitation Agencies  
Carpinteria Sanitary District  
Carpinteria Valley Water District  
City of Los Angeles Sanitation and Environment  
City of Pismo Beach  
City of San Diego  
Dublin San Ramon Services District  
Eastern Municipal Water District  
El Dorado Irrigation District  
Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District  
Grace Environmental Services  
Goleta Sanitary District  
Inland Empire Utilities Agency  
Irvine Ranch Water District  
Las Gallinas Valley Sanitary District  
Las Virgenes Municipal Water District  
Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts  
Los Angeles Department of Water and Power  
Mesa Water District  
Monterey One Water  
Olivenhain Municipal Water District  
Orange County Water District  
Otay Water District  
Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency  
Rancho California Water District  
Regional San's Harvest Water Program  
Rincon del Diablo Municipal Water District  
Riverside Public Utility  
Sacramento Area Sewer District  
San Diego County Water Authority  
San Francisco Public Utilities Commission

San Simeon Community Services District

Santa Margarita Water District

Scotts Valley Water District

Soquel Creek Water District

Southern California Alliance of Publicly Owned Treatment Works

Tetra Tech

Valley Water

West Bay Sanitary District's Bayfront Recycled Water Project

Western Municipal Water District

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