



March 15, 2022

The Honorable Ana Caballero
Chair, Senate Governance and Finance Committee
State Capitol, Room 407
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: SB 991 (Newman) Progressive Design Build - SUPPORT

Dear Senator Caballero:

WateReuse California is writing to express our support of SB 991 (Newman), which will allow local water agencies to have the option to deliver projects using progressive design-build (PDB) method. SB 991 will allow public agencies to use, for specific projects PDB which has grown in popularity in recent years as a valuable form of collaborative project development that can provide multiple benefits when used to execute complex recycled water projects.

PDB is a project delivery method that allows the PDB team to perform design, construction engineering and management, and construction according to design parameters, performance criteria, and other requirements established by the public agency owner.

PDB delivery benefits the public agency owner by providing the opportunity to add the design-build team to the overall project team early in the design phase affording the public agency owner and the design build team more opportunities to collaborate during the project's design phase. Early collaboration is designed to reduce overall project risk, costs, and schedules.

California is in another cycle of drought. Recycled water is a proven way to drought-proof local water supplies and reduce reliance on increasingly unreliable imported water supplies. SB 991 will allow local water agencies the option to use PDB in project delivery which can reduce overall project risks, costs, and project length, ultimately providing more opportunities to develop recycled water projects at the lowest cost to local ratepayers. SB 991 could provide an opportunity to assist local agencies in addressing the state's critical need for additional water.

For all of these reasons, WateReuse California supports SB 991.

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: Jim Nielsen, Vice Chair, Senate Governance & Finance Committee
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Colin Grinnell, Staff Director, Senate Governance & Finance Committee
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