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Dear WateReuse California Members,

I wanted to make you aware of the new Potable Reuse Permitting & Compliance (P&C) Committee recently approved by the Board of Directors of WateReuse California (WRCA). With a critical mass of potable reuse projects now operating in the state, along with a significant number of additional projects in the planning and design stages, the WRCA Board determined that members would benefit from a new Committee serving as a regular forum for discussion, technical information exchange, and a sharing of perspectives on potable reuse regulatory permitting and compliance issues. I am honored to have been selected as the initial Chair of this important new Committee and proud to serve alongside Vice Chair Erika Bensch, P.E., of the Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts (LACSD).

Even with efforts by WRCA and state regulators to increase statewide consistency and expedite regulatory review, and despite establishment of final Groundwater Replenishment Reuse Project (GRRP) regulations in 2014 and final Surface Water Augmentation (SWA) regulations in 2018, agencies and projects continue to face significant permitting and compliance challenges. The Committee will provide a forum for agencies to better communicate on important regulatory topics relevant to potable reuse in California, with the objective of facilitating the development of appropriate conditions and future permits for new projects and the efficient demonstration of ongoing compliance for existing projects.

We currently envision the Committee meeting formally three times in calendar year 2023: February-March (virtual), June-July (virtual), and November (in person at the WRCA Annual Conference in Indian Wells). Two topics initially anticipated for 2023 are 1) review of a WRCA Board-endorsed effort to develop more uniform validation procedures for commonly used potable reuse unit treatment processes and 2) the establishment of a WRCA-hosted online repository for individual project regulatory approval documentation accessible only to WRA members. We also plan on distributing a survey to solicit WRCA member input and experiences on the most important permitting and compliance topics.

Should you be interested in participating in this committee, please contact me (jdadakis@ocwd.com), Erika (erikabensch@lacs.org), and Rosario Cortés Kapeller (RCortes@watereuse.org), WRCA's new Manager of Regulatory Affairs.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Best,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jason Dadakis".

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