



March 17, 2023

The Honorable Gavin Newsom
 Governor, State of California
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The Honorable Toni Atkins
 Pro Tempore, California State Senate
 1021 O Street, Suite 8518
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The Honorable Anthony Rendon
 Speaker, California State Assembly
 1021 O Street, Suite 8330
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The Honorable Nancy Skinner
 Chair, Senate Budget Committee
 1020 N Street, Suite 502
 Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable Phil Ting
 Chair, Assembly Budget Committee
 1021 O Street, Suite 8230
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RE: Request \$500 million for Recycled Water and Revise Budget Language

Dear Governor Newsom, Pro Tem Atkins and Speaker Rendon, Chair Skinner and Chair Ting:

The undersigned members respectfully **request the inclusion of \$500 million in grant funds for recycled water** as part of the 2023-24 State Budget. Recycled water is a sustainable, local source of water that is drought resistant. Despite early winter rains, our state is still in drought conditions, and with the impacts of climate change worsening, the time is now to make a major investment in recycled water.

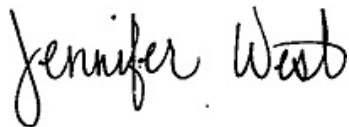
The Governor’s Water Supply Strategy calls for 800,000 acre-feet to be recycled by 2030 and 1.8 million acre-feet of water to be recycled by 2040, and we cannot do that without significant state investment. The Strategy notes that it would require approximately \$10 billion to achieve the 2030 goal and \$27 billion to achieve the 2040 goal of recycling an additional 1.8 million acre-feet of water.

Every region of the state has planned large-scale water recycling projects in need of funding that can vastly stretch our traditional water supplies and prepare our state for the worsening impacts of climate change. These include projects for potable reuse, including groundwater recharge, reservoir augmentation and direct potable reuse (DPR). The State Water Resources Control Board (Water Board) is currently developing statewide regulations for DPR which will greatly expand the use of recycled water for drinking water purposes. Other planned projects include expanding agricultural reuse to protect the environment and limited groundwater supplies; industrial reuse; landscape irrigation and more.

We appreciate the funding that has been appropriated in the past few budgets. Project proponents are in the process of applying for those funds at the Water Board. We strongly urge the Legislature to not only support the \$100 million for recycled water and \$170 million for potable reuse in the Governor's proposed January Budget, but to increase the total amount to \$500 million.

We hope you will agree with us that funding for **recycled water deserves to be at the forefront of the state's drought and climate change response with a \$500 million state investment**. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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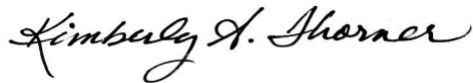
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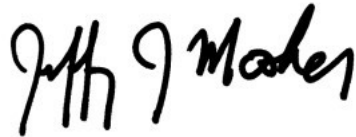


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