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Senator Monique Limon  
Chair, Senate Natural Resources & Water Committee  
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**RE: SB 31 (McNerney): Water Quality: Recycled Water- SUPPORT**

Dear Chair Limon,

We are writing to express our strong support for SB 31 (McNerney) regarding recycled water and urge your “aye” vote in committee. The measure would require updates to Title 22 of the California Code of Regulations to better align regulations with best management practices for recycled water use.

Title 22 hasn’t been updated in twenty years, during which time advancements in treatment and technology have made the use of recycled water more widely available. The Governor’s Water supply strategy correctly identifies that water recycling can help drought-proof communities and sets a goal of recycling at least 800,000 acre-feet of water per year by 2030 and 1.8 million acre-feet per year by 2040. Aligning regulations with best available practice is critical to helping meet these important recycled water goals.

Recycled water is widely supported as a drought-proof water supply that helps reduce dependence on imported water or can recharge or offset groundwater. SB 31 focuses on non-potable uses of recycled water. Maximizing the use of recycled water in place of potable water is a critical piece for

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local communities to reduce demand on drinking water supplies while following all regulations that protect the health and safety of Californians.

SB 31 will advance the use of recycled water by (1) allowing tertiary treated recycled water to be used in parks that contain outdoor eating areas as long as irrigation complies with state regulations; (2) allowing food handling and processing facilities to use tertiary treated recycled water for toilet & urinal flushing and outdoor landscape irrigation; (3) clarifying the definition of recycled water for the purposes of what is considered an “unauthorized discharge” of wastewater (4) allowing recycled water to be used to fill decorative bodies of water and (5) clarifying that outdoor irrigation of common space with recycled water by a homeowners association is allowable as landscape irrigation.

Advancing the use of recycled water is a common goal of state regulators and policy makers alike. Passage and implementation of SB 31 will take important steps to allow the expanded use of recycled water in an efficient and safe manner. We urge your strong support of SB 31.

If you have any questions, please contact Brenley McKenna, WaterReuse CA Managing Director at [bmckenna@watereuse.org](mailto:bmckenna@watereuse.org) or 916-955-0568.

Sincerely,

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