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RE: LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR MWD REGIONAL RECYCLED WATER PROJECT

Dear Chairwoman Gray,

On behalf of the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG), I write to express our support for the Regional Recycled Water Advanced Purification (RRW) project that Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) is proposing in partnership with the Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County. The project will purify wastewater from the Carson Sanitation plant to produce high quality water that could be used again for local water supply deliveries.

Once completed, the full-scale regional recycled water program would produce up to 150 million gallons daily, enough to serve more than 500,000 homes. Purified water from the advanced treatment facility would be delivered through 60 miles of new pipelines to the region's groundwater basins, industrial facilities, and two of Metropolitan's treatment plants.

Phase 1 of the project would bring much needed replenishment water to the Main San Gabriel Basin which in recent droughts has reached record lows. The benefit to the San Gabriel Valley communities would provide a sustainable supply to replenish the groundwater basin and reduce our reliance on imported water supplies which can be unreliable in certain years.

For these reasons, the SGVCOG supports this project and respectfully request the MWD Board of Directors vote in favor to continue the project forward. The Regional Recycled Water project is critical for local water sustainability not just for the San Gabriel Valley but for future generations.

Sincerely,

Marisa Creter
Executive Director

cc: Members of the MWD Board of Directors