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August 20, 2013

The Honorable Anthony Rendon, Chairman
Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee
1020 N Street, Room 160
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Increased Water Bond Funding for Recycled Water Projects - SUPPORT

Dear Chairman Rendon:

The Las Virgenes – Triunfo Joint Powers Authority (JPA) writes to express support for a stand-alone Water Recycling Program in the proposed Water Bond Framework as developed by the Assembly Water Bond Working Group. Section VII of the Framework should be adjusted to recognize the environmental, water supply and Delta benefits of increased state partnerships on local recycling projects. Existing legislation and state policies have consistently called for increased recycling as a means for reaching water efficiency goals.

Recycled water projects can be quickly developed to help compensate for shortfalls in State Water Project supplies and in the Colorado River basin. Currently, more than 3.5 million acre-feet of recyclable water is discharged to the ocean each year. This resource can be recovered and reused to reduce dependence upon imported water supplies, and doing so would require less energy than importing or desalinating water. Water Bond funds dedicated to recycling will provide immediate and lasting benefits.

The JPA believes funding for the Water Recycling Program should be no less than \$450 million and allocated competitively through the existing Water Recycling Funding Program administered by the State Water Resources Control Board. At present, there are scores of recycling projects, already designed or in planning stages, but agencies have not applied for construction assistance grants because existing funding programs are oversubscribed. For this reason, we respectfully request a firm commitment to recycling.

The Las Virgenes – Triunfo Joint Powers Authority is comprised of Las Virgenes Municipal Water District and Triunfo Sanitation District. The JPA provides wastewater treatment and recycling services for some 100,000 people in western Los Angeles and eastern Ventura counties.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David W. Pedersen".

David W. Pedersen, P.E.
Administering Agent / General Manager

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