



February 16, 2011

The Honorable Tom McClintock
Chairman
Subcommittee on Water & Power
House Natural Resources Committee
1522 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Grace Napolitano
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Water & Power
House Natural Resources Committee
1329 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman McClintock and Ranking Member Napolitano,

The Southern California Water Committee (SCWC), founded in 1984, is a consensus builder of all stakeholders and diverse interests on water issues facing our region. SCWC membership includes business leaders, local and regional elected officials, water districts, agricultural interests, labor unions and other community leaders throughout Southern California. Since President Bush and Secretary of the Interior Manual Lujan proposed funding for water recycling projects in San Diego back in 1990 to alleviate projected shortages on the Colorado River, our organization has consistently and strongly supported the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation's Title XVI Water Recycling and Reuse Program.

It has been a very cost effective (less than 20 percent federal cost share) water infrastructure program that has leveraged more than \$2 billion in local capital investments toward new local water supplies throughout Southern California. In addition, the California Congressional delegation has consistently supported the authorizations and annual appropriations of Title XVI projects since 1992.

New local water recycling supplies have been a critical component of addressing the reductions of supplies from the Colorado River and the ongoing challenges of State Water Project supplies that must pass through the ailing Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta supplies. These local water supply projects create new jobs and provide reliable water to businesses and families throughout the region. It is critical that ongoing federal grant funding of these vital water supply projects continue to ensure that the 20 million residents in our region have adequate water supplies.

I respectfully request on behalf of the Southern California Water Committee that you withdraw the proposed amendment to H.R. 1 regarding the elimination of funding for the Bureau of Reclamation's Title XVI Water Recycling and Reuse Program

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard W Atwater".

Richard W Atwater
Executive Director

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