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Attn: Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board
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SUBJECT: RECYCLED WATER POLICY

Dear Chair Doduc and Members of the Board:

The Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA), the California Association of Sanitation Agencies (CASA) and the WaterReuse Association (together “the Associations”) are all committed to significantly increasing the use of recycled water in California. We believe that the Board’s proposed Recycled Water Policy is an important step toward maximizing reuse and creating sustainable, reliable water supplies.

Proper planning and management of our groundwater basins is essential to the economy and viability of this State. While the level of detail and complexity of these plans will vary from basin to basin, we agree that the salt/nutrient management plans called for in the Policy are key to sustaining water supplies for beneficial use and protecting groundwater resources for the future. For this reason, the Associations have endorsed the inclusion of the salt/nutrient management planning mandate in the Policy. In addition, we strongly urge our member agencies to commit funding and in-kind resources to facilitate development of the plans within the five year timeframe established by the Board. Although these plans will be developed and controlled by local stakeholders, the Associations anticipate that we will showcase common problems, “best practices” and innovative solutions at workshops and conferences during the next five years. We would welcome participation by Board Members at these events.

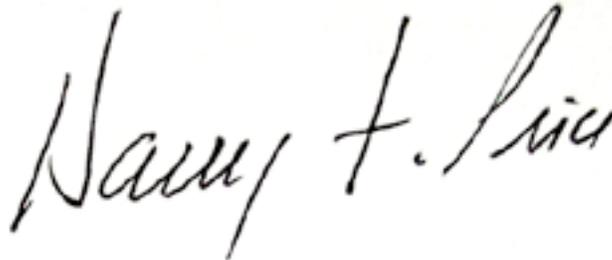
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Our associations greatly appreciate the opportunity provided by the Board to develop a workable Recycled Water Policy through a stakeholder led process involving the water industry and the environmental community, and we look forward to working the Water Boards, our partners in the environmental community, and other stakeholders to facilitate development of these plans.

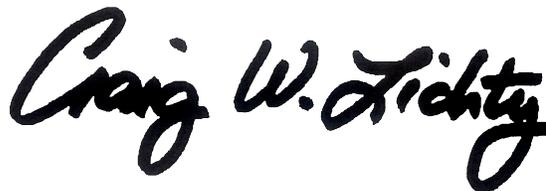
Sincerely,

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Timothy Quinn, Executive Director
Association of California Water Agencies

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Harry Price".

Harry Price, President
California Association of Sanitation Agencies

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Craig W. Lichty".

Craig Lichty, President
WaterReuse, California Section

cc: Michael Lauffer
Jonathan Bishop