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Felicia Marcus, Board Chair
State Water Resources Control Board
1001 I Street
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2-22-17 Board Meeting-Item 8
Climate Change
Deadline: 2/16/17 12 noon

Re: Adoption of Resolution on the Comprehensive Response to Climate Change

Dear Chair Marcus and SWRCB Board members,



On behalf of the Inland Empire Utilities Agency (IEUA), I am writing to support the State Water Resources Control Board's (SWRCB) adoption of the resolution addressing a Comprehensive Response to Climate Change.

Rising temperatures and the extreme weather events experienced by California over the last 15 years underscore the need for the State to take changing hydrology into account in all aspects of water supply and water quality management. The resolution identifies critical actions that SWRCB will take over the next two years, in coordination with other state, federal and local agencies, to promote the use of appropriate modeling and hydrological baselines in their regulatory actions, as well as to support mitigation and adaptation strategies to climate change. These include permitting and financing measures that will further incentivize development and use of recycled water, stormwater capture and use, water efficiency, groundwater supplies, and drought preparation, as well as other measures that will reduce greenhouse gas emissions, encourage renewable energy generation within the water sector and promote healthy soils and ecosystem resilience.

We particularly appreciate the SWRCB's recognition that the State's response to climate change must be coordinated across all programs and include cross-agency communication. Too often, initiatives to reduce greenhouse gases in one sector (air, water, ecosystem management) have been undercut by lack of communication and permit coordination in the other sectors. The holistic approach proposed by the SWRCB is critically needed if the State is to be successful in its efforts to both mitigate and adapt to the impacts of climate change.

We urge that you support staff's recommended resolution on the Comprehensive Response to Climate Change.

Sincerely,
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