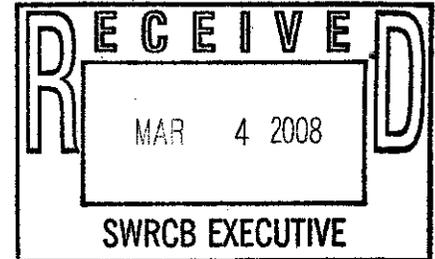


**California Section of the Water Reuse Association
Association of California Water Agencies
California Association of Sanitation Agencies**

March 4, 2008

Via Electronic and U.S. Mail

Tam Doduc
Chair, and Members
State Water Resources Control Board
1001 I Street
Sacramento, California 95814



Re: Proposed Recycled Water Policy

Dear Chair Doduc and Members of the Board:

The California Section of the Water Reuse Association, Association of California Water Agencies, and the California Association of Sanitation Agencies (collectively, the "Associations") have participated actively in the efforts of the State Water Resources Control Board (the "State Water Board") over the past year to craft a recycled water policy. The Associations greatly appreciate the Board's efforts to enhance the State of California's support for the use of recycled water. We are pleased that the Board shares our view that recycled water is a critical component of California's future sustainable water supply.

The Associations have reviewed the latest draft of the proposed recycled water policy, which the State Water Board is scheduled to consider on March 18, 2008. We support adoption of a Statewide recycled water policy; however, we believe the current draft needs to be significantly improved, and broader acceptance can be gained by subjecting it to the facilitated discussion process outlined herein.

Because we continue to have a vested interest in removing barriers to recycled water use in California, we recommend that the State Water Board engage in a facilitated drafting session with stakeholders in order to arrive at a clear policy statement for recycled water use. We have consulted with our colleagues representing environmental nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) and we all believe that the process could help set the recycled water policy in a larger framework through which the State Water Board provides policy guidance for the management of California's water resources.

We believe that the SWRCB will be able to move forward most quickly if it issues a notice continuing any consideration of the proposed recycled water policy until at least the May 20, 2008 meeting of the SWRCB. In this way, stakeholders will not need to expend resources preparing comments on the current draft of the recycled water policy.

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Simultaneously we encourage the State Water Board to engage in a 60-day facilitated drafting process, including the associations, interested NGOs and the representatives of the California Department of Public Health and the Department of Water Resources. The goal of this process is to advance a step-wise approach to the recycled water policy along the same lines that the State Water Board is successfully using for its Wetlands Policy.

The Associations believe that this alternative procedure will encourage collaboration among the NGOs, the water community and the state agencies charged with providing for water supply and water quality. We believe it will assist in the development of policies and actions that will improve statewide consistency, where appropriate. Further, by engaging stakeholders in the development of these important policies, the State Water Board will increase the likelihood that these policies will be implemented successfully, to the benefit of all Californians.

Very truly yours,



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