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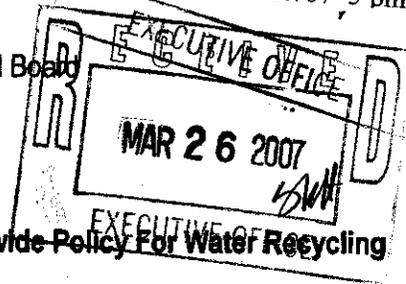
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3/20/07 BdWrshp Item 8
Water Recycling
Deadline: 3/27/07 5 pm



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RE: Development of a Statewide Policy For Water Recycling

Dear Chairwoman Doduc:

The Southern California Water Committee (SCWC) appreciates the opportunity to provide these comments on this important issue of developing a statewide policy for water recycling.

The SCWC is a nonprofit, nonpartisan, public education partnership that brings together eight counties and their diverse interests to advocate for a secure, reliable and safe supply of water for our communities. Its members include representatives from counties, cities, businesses, agriculture, water agencies, and the general public.

Recycled water is a key component in the State's overall water supply and is a reliable local resource that would help lessen our regions dependency on imported sources. The use of recycled water for beneficial purposes has long been recognized in our government and water codes. Policy makers along with local stakeholders have developed an institutional framework for the development of sound water policies and equitable solutions in managing this resource. The 2003 Water Recycling Task Force and the California Water Plan Update 2005 clearly identify recycled water as critical to California's water supply future and for our State's economy. However both these reports identify regulatory inconsistencies and overly burdensome requirements as impediments to increased water recycling uses.

The SCWC supports the Boards efforts to develop a statewide policy for the use of recycled water. However this policy needs to address the current inconsistencies in permits being issued across the local regions. It should be reasonable and consistent in its interpretation of statewide policies that encourage the use of recycled water. It should also address and reduce the needless obstacles and delays that confront the permitting of recycled projects today.

Thank you for the opportunity to address this issue of interest to all of California. We hope the development of this policy will be a transparent and open process for all stakeholders and look forward to working with interested parties as this process unfolds.

Very truly yours,

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Executive Director

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