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# FAX MEMO



Date: October 26, 2007  
To: Jeanine Townsend, Acting Clerk to the Board  
State Water Resources Control Board  
Fax No: 916-341-5621  
From: Peter Ingram  
Re: Comment Letter – Water Recycling Policy  
Pages: 3 including this cover sheet

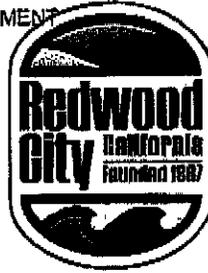
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Peter C. Ingram, Director

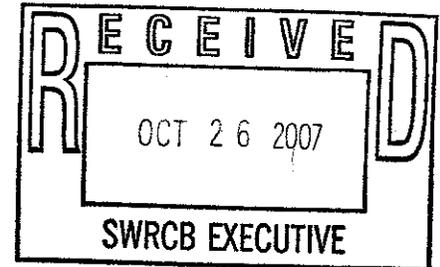


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12/4/07 Bd. Mtg.  
Water Recycling Policy  
Deadline: 10/26/07 Noon

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State Water Resources Control Board  
P.O. Box 100  
Sacramento, CA 95812-0100



**Subject: Comment Letter – Proposed Water Recycling Policy**

Dear Chair Doduc and Members of the Board,

Redwood City is an active member agency of the California Section of the WaterReuse Association, and we are in full support of the Association's comments provided under separate cover, especially those that address the requirements for irrigation and TDS limits. Our key concern is that the proposed approach does not take into consideration local conditions. Redwood City would not be able to attain the 300 mg/l TDS limit as delineated in the proposed policy. Redwood City's drinking water has a TDS of 110 mg/l, and our Title 22 recycled water is in the range of 810 mg/l TDS. The source of this increase in TDS, beyond that from domestic water use, can be attributed to saltwater infiltration. Redwood City is located on San Francisco Bay, and has a relatively high brackish water table in the recycled water service area. Our suggestion is that so long as our recycled water has a lower TDS than the compromised groundwater underlying irrigated sites, and so long as our irrigation customers are in full compliance with all site management requirements, our project should be allowed to continue to grow and offset the use of a limited supply of potable water.

Redwood City strongly encourages the Board to accept the WaterReuse offer to work with the Board staff to craft a flexible, interim permitting process that takes into account unique local conditions where recycled water is being used.

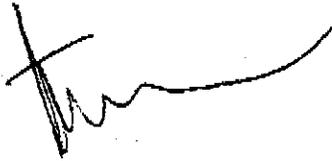
We appreciate the State Water Board's leadership in developing a statewide policy to facilitate water reuse and bring greater consistency to recycle water regulations and permitting. Water recycling is an important component of California's future water supply. We support a statewide policy that increases water recycling.

Water recycling is part of Redwood City's future and a proactive statewide policy is very important to the city. Redwood City, a community of 76,000 located 25 miles south of San Francisco, CA, receives 100 percent of its potable water supply from the San

Francisco Regional Water System. To ensure adequate and reliable water supply into the future, the City Council has committed \$72 million of local funding to a water recycling program which is expected to save approximately 900 Acre-Feet per year of drinking water by 2010, with the potential to serve as much as 5,000 AF/yr. in Redwood City and adjacent communities by 2020. The project is critical to meet Redwood City's long-term water supply needs while increasing its overall supply reliability.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter Ingram', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Peter Ingram  
Community Development Director  
City of Redwood City

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