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Mr. Daniel Alvarez
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Dear Mr. Alvarez:

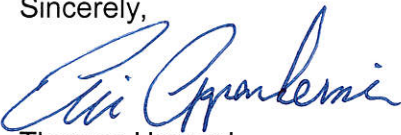
The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) has prepared the enclosed report entitled: "Investigation on The Feasibility of Developing Uniform Water Recycling Criteria for Direct Potable Reuse" in accordance with the requirements of Water Code Section 13563(a) (Chapter 700, Statutes of 2010 (SB 918, Pavley)). The enclosed report can also be viewed at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/publications_forms/publications/legislative/docs/2016/dpr_report.pdf

This report concludes that it is feasible to develop uniform water recycling criteria for direct potable reuse. However, the report also concludes that the use of recycled wastewater for Direct Potable Reuse presents very real scientific and technical challenges that must be addressed before criteria can be adopted to ensure that public health is reliably protected at all times. The report identifies a number of critical knowledge gaps and research requirements that will need to be resolved before criteria can be written to address issues unique to Direct Potable Reuse of recycled water. With the ongoing challenges to our current water supplies, creating sustainable water resources is a top priority, reflected in Governor Brown's Water Action Plan in 2014. Part of that plan is to increase the use of recycled water. The State Water Board is committed to safely increasing recycled water usage including the expansion of potable reuse through groundwater replenishment projects and currently planned surface water augmentation projects. As described in the Implementation Plan of the report, the State Water Board is initiating work to bridge the knowledge gaps and provide leadership and review of the needed research to develop regulations for direct potable research.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at (916) 341-5615 or Legislative Director, Rob Egel at (916) 341-5251.

Sincerely,


for Thomas Howard
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Enclosure
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