



January 8, 2018

Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board State
Water Resources Control Board
1001 I St., 24th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: **City of Bakersfield Comments – Proposed Revised POU/POE Regulations**

Dear Ms. Townsend:

On behalf of the City of Bakersfield, we submit the following comments in support of the State Water Resources Control Board's (Water Board) adoption of proposed regulations governing the use of point-of-use (POU) treatment and point-of-entry (POE) treatment by public water systems, in lieu of centralized treatment.

The City of Bakersfield is a public water supplier and staff strongly believes the proposed regulations increase the ability of Bakersfield and other public water suppliers to deliver drinking water to consumers that is, at all times, pure, wholesome and potable. Centralized treatment of drinking water is not always economical or efficient, and the proposed regulations provide a reasonable and practical alternative to centralized treatment of drinking water. Additionally, the City believes the proposed regulations are consistent with the statutory requirements of the California Safe Drinking Water Act, and other California and federal statutes and regulations governing the provision of domestic water to the public.

The City of Bakersfield therefore urges the Water Board to adopt the proposed revised regulations governing the use of POU treatment and POE treatment by public water systems. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or require any further information on these matters.

Sincerely,

Alan Tandy
City Manager

cc: Virginia Gennaro, City Attorney, City of Bakersfield
Art Chianello, Water Resources Manager, City of Bakersfield