



May 22, 2019

The Honorable E. Joaquin Esquivel, Chair
c/o Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board
State Water Resources Control Board
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Dear Chair Esquivel:

The Southern California Rental Housing Association is a member of the San Diego Water Reliability Coalition, which represents more than 25 member organizations that support San Diego's endeavor to secure a reliable local water source. The coalition remains committed to ensuring that San Diego reaches full implementation of its Pure Water San Diego program.

Given that San Diego must import 85 percent of its potable water from the Colorado River and Northern California, it is imperative that San Diego continues moving forward with the Pure Water Program.

San Diego is about to begin construction on Phase 1 projects of its Pure Water Program, which include the construction of pumping stations, pipelines and treatment plants. These facilities will enable the city to produce up to 30 million gallons of purified drinking water per day by 2035.

San Diego must continue investing in the Pure Water Program in order to complete their projects as scheduled. Our coalition is pleased to know the Draft Intended Use Plans for the Drinking Water and Clean Water State Revolving Fund Loan Programs include significant support for San Diego's Pure Water Program.

We respectfully urge the State Water Resources Control Board to adopt the draft plan and approve San Diego's request for financing projects of the Pure Water San Diego Program. The Board's approval will help San Diego achieve a sustainable source of drinking water for future generations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alan Pentico".

Alan Pentico
Executive Director