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February 5, 2016

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein  
United States Senate  
331 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

**SUBJECT: SUPPORT FOR DROUGHT RELIEF ACT**

Dear Senator Feinstein:

Thank you for your continued efforts to introduce and seek passage of a drought relief act that will provide critical funding for many water projects across California. As one of the water recycling project sponsors identified in your draft legislation cited as the "*California Long-Term Provisions for Water Supply and Short-Term Provisions for Emergency Drought Relief Act*", we provide this letter as support for your provisions that will allow projects like ours to be eligible to pursue critical federal funding to construct our project.

We strongly support your efforts to streamline the Title XVI Water Reclamation and Reuse Program. Many projects have obtained feasibility study approval from the Bureau of Reclamation, but the inability to secure a project authorization has shut off the construction funding pathway. Our project will take place within the West Bay Sanitary District (WBSD), which is located in the San Francisco Bay Area of California. WBSD maintains and operates over 200 miles of main line sewer in the City of Menlo Park and portions of the cities of East Palo Alto and Redwood City, the towns of Atherton, Woodside and Portola Valley, and portions of unincorporated San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties. The raw wastewater collected by WBSD is conveyed to Silicon Valley Clean Water (SVCW), located in Redwood City, where the wastewater is treated and discharged or reused.

WBSD is proposing to construct a 0.5 MGD satellite facility at the Sharon Heights Golf & Country Club, which is located within WBSD. The project will include an influent wastewater pumping station and forcemain (PS/FM). The purpose of the project is to offset potable water usage by 152 acre-feet per year (AFY) and allow the golf course to be irrigated by the non-potable effluent. Depending on flow amounts, current and future adjacent institutions, businesses, and or residents will be able to use the recycled water for various irrigation purposes. Your legislation provides a much needed fix by eliminating the project authorization obstacle and authorizing additional funds to the program. This, plus the additional funding for WaterSMART, will allow new water recycling projects to seek needed funding to move their project into construction and develop these drought-tolerant supplies.

SERVING AREAS IN MENLO PARK, ATHERTON, PORTOLA VALLEY, EAST PALO ALTO, REDWOOD CITY, WOODSIDE AND UNINCORPORATED SAN MATEO AND SANTA CLARA COUNTIES

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As California continues to experience record-breaking drought conditions, increased demand for water, and strain on existing surface and groundwater supplies, alternative water supplies like those in your drought relief act provide a long-term sustainable solution that is essential to California's economy. Thank you for your leadership in drafting legislation that will allow local agencies to partner with federal and state agencies for funding assistance to develop sustainable water supplies for California and the nation.

Sincerely,

**WEST BAY SANITARY DISTRICT**

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Phil Scott  
District Manager

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