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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:

San Jose Water Company would like to 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. We are 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*", and we write to support your provisions that will allow projects like ours to be eligible to pursue critical federal funding.

We strongly support your efforts to streamline the Title XVI Water Reclamation and Reuse Program. *Our projects* are the SJWC Alignments A, R and D, which will provide a large expansion of our recycled water distribution system to parks, office and housing complexes, golf courses and industrial. All of the 1,000,000 people we serve will benefit directly or indirectly here in the San Jose area, the heart of Silicon Valley.

Your legislation provides a much needed fix by eliminating project authorization obstacles 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.

As California continues to experience water supply issues and strains 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 and quality of life.

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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 the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Tang', with a stylized flourish at the end.

John Tang

Vice President of Government Relations & Corporate Communications

cc: John Watts, Legislative Director