



February 3, 2020

The Honorable Jared Huffman
U.S. House of Representatives
1527 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

RE: SUPPORT FOR WATER RECYCLING INVESTMENT INCLUDED IN THE “FUTURE DROUGHT RESILIENCY ACT” DISCUSSION DRAFT

Dear Congressman Huffman:

On behalf of the Western Recycled Water Coalition, a partnership of 17 cities, water and wastewater districts and investor-owned water utilities developing recycled water projects, I want to extend our sincere appreciation for your continued leadership on advancing investments in water supply reliability and resiliency. Your recently released discussion draft titled “Furthering Underutilized Technologies and Unleashing Responsible Expenditures for Drought Resiliency Act” (FUTURE Drought Resiliency Act) will provide much needed financial assistance opportunities to move water recycling and other critical water supply projects forward.

We strongly support Section 101 of the proposed bill which would reauthorize the competitive grant program for funding water recycling and reuse projects at \$500 million. This section also makes important improvements to the program by striking the requirement for selected projects to be named in appropriations legislation, making the program permanent, and increasing the Federal cost share project cap from \$20 M to \$30 M.

Thank you for providing these improvements to the Title XVI Water Reclamation and Reuse program in your legislation. Your continued leadership and support for developing sustainable water supplies is commendable and appreciated. We strongly support your efforts and look forward to working with you to secure water recycling program funding.

Sincerely,

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cc: Logan Ferree, Legislative Director
Matthew Muirragui, Counsel, Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife