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The Honorable Scott Peters
San Diego City Council President
202 C Street, MS #10A
San Diego, CA 92101

Re: Water Reuse Study

Dear Council President Peters,

The San Diego County Taxpayers Association has reviewed the Water Reuse Study and we recommend that the City conduct an updated independent fiscal analysis of the water reuse study's NC-3 Strategy [North City Mix w/ San Vicente indirect potable reuse (IPR)]. We also recommend quantifying and evaluating other local and regional brackish and seawater desalination opportunities as a means to diversify the region's water supply.

The independent fiscal analysis should identify the availability of incentives, rebates and grants from water agencies and the state that would help to offset the costs of IPR and desalination. Furthermore, the analysis should be followed by serious efforts to provide educational outreach on IPR.

Recognizing that there is no single solution to fix the region's water needs, we support the City's efforts to concurrently pursue alternative strategies to ensure reliability of water supply.

We appreciate your consideration of our recommendations. Please do not hesitate to contact me at 619-234-6423 if the San Diego County Taxpayers Association can be of any assistance.

Sincerely,

Lani Lutar
President and CEO

Cc: The Honorable Mayor Jerry Sanders
Members of the San Diego City Council
Ms. Andrea Tevlin, Independent Budget Analyst
Ms. Marsi Steirer, Deputy Director, City of San Diego Water Department