



May 19, 2015

Governor Jerry Brown
GOVERNOR'S OFFICE
State Capitol, First Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Governor Brown:

On behalf of the California Water Environment Association, WateReuse California, and the National Science Foundation funded ReNUWIt Research Center, we would like to thank you for your participation at the second Water and Wastewater Partnership - California Drought Summit on May 11, 2015. Together we increased awareness and provided consistent messaging to address how water recycling can restore California's diminishing water supply with over 1.5 billion gallons of treated water that is lost every day to the ocean.

As we work together to address the drought in the coming months, we hope you will join us in putting into practice the principles we discussed at our meeting:

- The importance of sharing successful water recycling strategies with other communities.
- Increasing public awareness that our wastewater collection and treatment systems have always been the source of our drinking water supply.
- The importance of public transparency as demonstrated by the successful potable reuse project in Wichita Falls, Texas.
- Recognizing the difference between acceptance and legitimacy of using available technologies and natural processes to advance water reuse.
- Understanding that "potable reuse" is the most direct way to describe recovering our drinking water supplies.
- Realizing that sustainable water supplies embrace the 4R's of Reliability, Redundancy, Robustness, and Resilience.
- Recognizing our water laws need to be updated and periodically reviewed to assure their adequacy.
- Understanding the importance of consistent messaging from trusted sources outside our circle.

Thank you again for your leadership in supporting the development of a sustainable and resilient water supply for California through water recycling and potable reuse.

Sincerely,

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