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

Senator Feinstein:

The Mar Vista Community Council wishes to express support for the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power's (LADWP) request for a Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) authorization for the City of Los Angeles Water Recycling Program (Program).

The MVCC represents over 50,000 stakeholders in the City of Los Angeles and the board feels it is in their interest to have the LADWP seek secure safe, affordable and a sustainable water supply for the city and its citizens.

The MVCC is also a member of the LADWP's Recycled Water Advisory Group (RWAG). Through the RWAG we are participating in workshops, tours and informational sessions about the Program; providing input on innovative opportunities to use recycled water; and discussing potential challenges in implementation and acceptability. The MVCC supports the beneficial and efficient use of the high-quality, sustainable water that will be provided by the Program.

Los Angeles is far too dependent upon imported water supplies and must develop more local water resources. Expanding recycled water use is a critical step towards securing a reliable water supply for Los Angeles. LADWP's 2008 Water Supply Action Plan (Plan) contains a comprehensive blueprint for creating sustainable sources of water for the future of Los Angeles by expanding water conservation and water recycling. LADWP's recycled water goal is to deliver 50,000 acre-feet per year, a six-fold increase in recycled water supplies and enough water to serve 400,000 people.

Recycled water is a reliable, high-quality, local source of water for irrigation and industrial purposes that is not subject to water conservation restrictions and pricing, and is not vulnerable to shortage conditions like imported water. The MVCC understands that in order for LADWP to reach its water recycling goal, LADWP will spend up to \$1 billion on its Program. The Program includes expansion of the City's purple pipe infrastructure to expand the use of recycled water

for industrial and irrigation purposes. It also includes the development and implementation of a Groundwater Replenishment project, which will utilize advanced treated, purified recycled water to recharge the San Fernando Groundwater Basin. Federal support for LADWP's Program will be critical to its success and to promoting the use and expansion of a reliable, cost-effective resource that benefits City residents and businesses alike.

The MVCC wholeheartedly supports LADWP's water recycling efforts and respectfully requests your support of a WRDA authorization for the LADWP's Water Recycling Program.

Thank you for your consideration.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Albert Olson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Albert" and last name "Olson" clearly distinguishable.

Albert Olson
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