



May 23, 2019

The Honorable E. Joaquin Esquivel, Chair
c/o Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board
State Water Resources Control Board
1001 I Street, 24th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814



Re: Support for Revolving Fund Loan Requests for the Pure Water San Diego Program

Dear Chair Esquivel,

On behalf of the San Diego County Taxpayers Association, I am writing to ask that you act in the best interest of taxpayers in California and support the revolving fund loan requests for the Pure Water San Diego Program. The City of San Diego faces numerous water supply challenges, including reliance on importing 85% of its water from the Colorado River and Northern California, thereby increasing costs of imported water, a growing population, and cyclical droughts. These challenges make it imperative to continue to move forward with the City's Pure Water San Diego Program, which will use water purification technology to provide one third of San Diego's water supply locally by 2035.

Since the launch of the Water Purification Demonstration Project in 2010, the City has achieved many important milestones toward improving water reliability in the region. The City is now preparing to begin construction on Phase 1 of the Pure Water Program, which will build the infrastructure needed to produce 30 million gallons per day of purified water to be added to the local drinking water supply. This will ensure a sustainable water future for San Diego for generations to come.

As a non-profit, non-partisan organization, dedicated to promoting accountable, cost-effective, and efficient government, our organization has saved the region's taxpayers millions of dollars and fully supports the City of San Diego's funding requests to complete this project. As a member of the San Diego Water Reliability Coalition, the San Diego County Taxpayers Association is committed to supporting the completion of these important projects and kindly requests your support for the revolving fund loan requests for the Pure Water San Diego Program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Haney Hong". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a white background.

Haney Hong
President & CEO
San Diego County Taxpayers Association