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Mr. David P. Kennedy, Director
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Dear Mr. Kennedy: *one*

The WaterReuse Association is proud to have played a role in the development and passage of Proposition 204, the "Safe, Clean Reliable Water Supply Act of 1996." Proposition 204 makes \$60 million available specifically for the construction of water recycling projects. An additional \$10 million is available to your agency for the study of water recycling projects and other projects which increase water supply reliability. Recycled water is highly reliable and is the only new source of water available to California. The use of the feasibility study funds for regional or statewide reuse studies will benefit all of California and represent a concrete step toward the realization of the goals outlined in the WaterReuse Summit's 1994 Statement of Support for Water Reclamation, to which your agency is a signatory.

The WaterReuse Association Board of Directors requests your agency allocate \$6 million of the \$10 million mentioned above for the following: \$4.5 million for recycled water studies of regional or statewide significance; and \$1.5 million for the University of California Water Reuse Research Program. Reuse studies appropriate for funding include the Southern California Comprehensive Water Reclamation and Reuse Study, the Central California Regional Water Recycling Project, a statewide salinity management study, and an international water recycling study for the San Diego/Tijuana region. Money allocated to the Water Reuse Research Program would be used to establish a special fund for financing the study and development of innovative and cost-effective water reuse technologies.

The Southern California and Central California water reclamation studies are ongoing studies authorized by the Reclamation, Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act of 1992 (Title XVI). The Southern California study will identify opportunities for maximizing the use of recycled water in coastal and inland Southern California. The Central California study compliments the Cal Fed process by assessing the feasibility of developing recycled water supplies both in the San

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Francisco Bay area and for export and reuse in other parts of the State. The proposed statewide salinity management study would expand on work currently being performed in Southern California by the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California and the Bureau of Reclamation. The proposed international recycling study would address recycling opportunities near the U.S. Mexico border and could be eligible for funding under NAFTA. Taken together, the four studies provide a geographic balance, while at the same time addresses those areas with the greatest water supply needs.

The University of California Water Reuse Program is dedicated to expanding the use of recycled water throughout the State by funding independent research and feasibility studies. Funding the UC Program will leverage local, federal, and private money with State money to enable development of local reuse projects which hopefully, could be replicated throughout the State.

Regional and statewide water recycling studies, and studies performed through the University of California Water Reuse Research Program, provide substantial benefits to your agency and all of California. The Proposition 204 feasibility study monies administered by your agency should be allocated in a manner that is commensurate with those statewide benefits. I and other members of the WaterReuse Board look forward to meeting with you to discuss the allocation of feasibility study monies in more detail. I can be reached at (310) 660-6214.

Sincerely,


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