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January 5, 2015

The Honorable Cathy Green
President
Orange County Water District
18700 Ward Street
Fountain Valley, CA 92708

RE: Huntington Beach Seawater Desalination Project Water Purchase Agreement

Dear President Green,

The Association of California Cities - Orange County (ACC-OC) is writing to respectfully request that the Orange County Water District (OCWD) Board of Directors take action at its January 7, 2015 meeting authorizing the district to enter into water purchase agreement negotiations with Poseidon Water (Poseidon) in support of the Huntington Beach Seawater Desalination Project.

ACC-OC is an advocate for local control and supports the efforts of its member cities and the county as a whole to achieve greater water supply reliability. To that end, we strongly support the Huntington Beach Seawater Desalination Project, which OCWD has identified as a priority project in its Long Term Facilities Plan. The project would reduce our dependence on costly imported water by providing a local, drought-proof, fully-reliable supply that can adjust to fluctuating demand.

Water supply reliability is critically important to Orange County's economy, public safety, environment and quality of life. The history of leadership and vision demonstrated by your agency over the years and your investments in groundwater conservation, recycling, storage, and recharge, to name a few, have helped to maximize our county groundwater supply and make Orange County what it is today. Despite these achievements in local water management, Orange County still needs a new water supply to meet future demand.

We believe the Huntington Beach Seawater Desalination Project is a major step towards this ideal and urge you to help make this plan a reality.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lacy Kelly". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Lacy Kelly
Chief Executive Officer
Association of California Cities - Orange County

