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The Honorable Bill Quirk
California State Assembly, 48th District
State Capitol
P.O. Box 942849
Sacramento, CA 94249-0020

RE: AB 292 Recycled Water: Raw Water and Groundwater Augmentation - Support

Dear Assemblymember Quirk:

The Orange County Water District (OCWD) writes to express its support of AB 292, which would specify a date for adoption of uniform water recycling criteria for raw water augmentation and simplify the term for "potable reuse" by eliminating the specification for "direct" and "indirect" potable reuse.

Existing law requires the State Water Resources Control Board, on or before December 31, 2023, to adopt uniform water recycling criteria for direct potable reuse through raw water augmentation, as specified. Existing law defines "direct potable reuse" and "indirect potable reuse for groundwater recharge" for these purposes.

AB 292 would eliminate the definition of "direct potable reuse" and instead would substitute the term "groundwater augmentation" for "indirect potable reuse for groundwater recharge" in these definitions. The bill would require, on or before December 31, 2023, the state board to adopt uniform water recycling criteria for raw water augmentation.

For the above reasons, OCWD is writing in support of AB 292. Please contact OCWD Legislative Affairs Liaison Alicia Dunkin at (714) 477-3750 or adunkin@ocwd.com, or me, if we may be of any assistance to you or your staff.

Sincerely,

Vicente Sarmiento, Esq.
Board President