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June 22, 2015

The Honorable Dana Rohrabacher  
United States House of Representatives  
2300 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

RE: Funding for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF)

Dear Congressman Rohrabacher:

I am writing on behalf of the Orange County Water District (OCWD) with regard to the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF), which was recommended for an increase in the President's Fiscal Year 2016 Budget. While both House and Senate versions of the FY 2016 Interior and the Environment appropriations bill (H.R. 2822) have not acquiesced in this requested increase, I do want to call to your attention the many benefits the CWSRF program has provided to the State of California's ability to fund critical water infrastructure that is beneficial to safe and reliable water supply. We respectfully request that the CWSRF receive the level of funding proposed in the President's FY 2016 budget for this worthwhile program.

These funds are critical for the planning, design and construction of new recycled water projects that will supply new sources of reliable and sustainable water for California. For OCWD, this means adding approximately 30 million gallons of new drinking water per day with a final expansion of the Groundwater Replenishment System (GWRS).

Thanks to your support, OCWD operates the GWRS, which is the largest indirect potable reuse project in the world. Operational since January 2008 and with an initial expansion being completed this month, this state-of-the-art water purification project can produce up to 100 million gallons of high-quality water every day. This is enough water to meet the needs of nearly 850,000 people in north and central Orange County, California. OCWD relies on CWSRF funding to continue to develop and expand the GWRS, which is especially critical during these times of drought. Both the initial and final expansion of the GWRS relies on CWSRF funding.

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I ask that you consider the many benefits which California, in general, and Orange County, specifically, have received from federal programs such as the Clean Water State Revolving Fund, and request funding the program at the level proposed in the President's FY 2016 budget.

Thank you for consideration of this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact Alicia Dunkin, Legislative Affairs Liaison, at [adunkin@ocwd.com](mailto:adunkin@ocwd.com) or (714) 378-8232 or myself if you have any questions or if we may be of assistance to you or your staff in any way.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cathy Green".

Cathy Green  
President  
Orange County Water District