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May 8, 2018

The Honorable Bob Hertzberg  
 California State Senate  
 State Capitol, Room 4038  
 Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable Laura Friedman  
 California State Assembly  
 State Capitol, Room 2137  
 Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: SB 606 (Hertzberg)/AB 1668 (Friedman) - SUPPORT**

Dear Senator Hertzberg and Assemblymember Friedman:

On behalf of the Orange County Water District (OCWD; the District), I am writing to express our support for AB 1668 and SB 606 as amended on May 3 and May 7 respectively. With the recent amendments, which increase the bonus incentive for existing potable reuse projects to 15 percent the District has removed its opposition to the legislation and has taken a support position.

Orange County Water District currently recycles 103,000 acre-feet of water per year for potable reuse, which greatly reduces the dependence on imported water from northern California and the Colorado River. Providing a fair credit for communities who have invested in potable reuse will preserve wastewater flows for existing projects and will maximize output of such projects. Potable reuse is the ultimate form of conservation using water multiple times – not just once. OCWD has closed the loop to allow for continuous recycling of the same water, producing 100 million gallons per day of ultra-pure water or enough drinking water for 850,000 people. Providing a 15 percent bonus incentive for existing potable reuse projects will safeguard this investment.

Please let me know if we can be of assistance to you or your staff as the legislation continues to move through the process. Please do not hesitate to contact OCWD Legislative Affairs Liaison Alicia Dunkin at (714) 378-8232 or [adunkin@ocwd.com](mailto:adunkin@ocwd.com), or me, if we may be of assistance to you or your staff.

Sincerely,

Denis R. Bilodeau, P.E.  
 Board President

cc: The Honorable Members of the Assembly and Senate  
 Kim Craig, Deputy Cabinet Secretary, Office of Governor Jerry Brown