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The Honorable Steve Bennett
California Assembly
89 S. California Street, Suite F
Ventura, CA 93001

RE: AB 2811 (Bennett, D-Ventura) California Building Standards Commission: recycled water: nonpotable water systems – Oppose Unless Amended

Dear Assemblymember Bennett:

The Orange County Water District (OCWD; the District) is a global leader in water resiliency and is dedicated to the development of a sustainable, safe water supply for 2.5 million people. Home to the Groundwater Replenishment System (GWRS), the world's largest water recycling project, the GWRS is undergoing its final expansion. When completed in 2023, it will recycle 100% of the reclaimable water in our service area, producing 130 million gallons of water a day—enough for one million people. We respectfully request that AB 2811 be amended to remove all provisions that deal with mandatory onsite reuse (Sections 3 and 4).

As OCWD will soon achieve a 100% recycle rate in our service area, the mandate for dual plumbing in AB 2811 would not have a source of water. Furthermore, the District already has a centralized system in place.

The state should not develop a uniform statewide policy, but instead address local conditions where extensive recycling is already occurring, and new greywater systems would lead to the diversion of water that could be recycled for potable reuse projects.

We sincerely appreciate your consideration of this request and encourage you to contact us should you need additional information. Legislative Affairs Liaison Alicia Dunkin may be reached at (714) 477-3750 or adunkin@ocwd.com to help facilitate any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Denis R. Bilodeau, P.E.
Director