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**ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT**  
ORANGE COUNTY'S GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY

July 25, 2022

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein  
United States Senate  
331 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

RE: Support To Rehydrate the Environment, Agriculture, and Municipalities Act (STREAM Act) - Support

Dear Senator Feinstein:

The Orange County Water District (OCWD; the District) adopted a support position on the STREAM Act, which is intended to increase water supply and modernize water infrastructure in California and throughout the West.

The District supports provisions in the bill that expedite non-federal storage projects, water recycling, and desalination projects and that authorize funding for the following: \$750 million for surface and groundwater storage and conveyance projects, \$300 million for water recycling projects, \$150 million for desalination projects, \$100 million for projects to provide drinking water for disadvantaged communities, and \$250 million for environmental restoration projects.

As you know, OCWD 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 for potable use, OCWD is currently constructing the GWRS Final Expansion that, when completed in early 2023, will provide enough water for one million Orange County residents. OCWD is also a leader in monitoring, assessment, and treatment for PFAS which has been detected in the Orange County Groundwater Basin.

If you have any questions and/or would like any additional information, please contact Legislative Affairs Liaison Alicia Dunkin at (714) 477-3750 or [adunkin@ocwd.com](mailto:adunkin@ocwd.com).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Denis R. Bilodeau'.

Denis R. Bilodeau, P.E.  
Director