

October 22, 2021

The Honorable Chuck Schumer
Majority Leader
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker of the House
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Minority Leader
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
Minority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Speaker Pelosi and Leaders Schumer, McConnell, and McCarthy:

The undersigned organizations urge you to act swiftly to finalize legislation making historic investments in our nation's infrastructure, including through programs that support water recycling across the country.

As you work to enact a bipartisan infrastructure package and a reconciliation package by year's end, we urge you to invest in water recycling and related federal programs to help communities build climate resilience and a secure economic future. The House reconciliation package, as reported out of the Budget Committee in September, invests \$125 million for FY 2022 in the Pilot Program for Alternative Water Source Grants, the only nationwide program dedicated to advancing water recycling as a resource management and resiliency tool.

With severe and persistent drought ravaging Western states, the need for water recycling in the West has never been clearer. In the rest of the country, communities are turning to water recycling to manage a range of climate change impacts, including aquifer depletion, severe and frequent flooding, water quality degradation, and land subsidence. The Alternative Water Source Grants Pilot Program will ensure that communities across the United States can access water recycling tools to build resilience in the face of climate change and uncertain weather events. We strongly support the inclusion of at least \$125 million per year for this program in the final reconciliation package.

In addition to enacting a reconciliation package that includes nationwide water recycling resources, Congress should act swiftly to enact the bipartisan infrastructure package—the *Infrastructure and Jobs Act*. The *Infrastructure and Jobs Act* includes \$1 billion for Western water recycling programs administered by the Bureau of Reclamation. \$550 million would be made available through the Title XVI Water Reclamation and Reuse Grants Program, while \$450 million would be made available for large-scale water recycling projects. Given the persistent drought across the West and the impact that water supply constraints will have for generations to come, it is imperative that Congress invest in water recycling programs to support Western communities now and into the future.

Investment in water reuse builds communities that are modern, sustainable, and stable—ready for families to flourish and businesses to grow. We urge Congress to act swiftly to help communities build climate resilience and protect public health and the environment. Thank you for considering our views.

Sincerely,

Anne Arundel County, Department of Public Works	MD
Arcadis	National
Atkins	National
Beaumont Cherry Valley Water District	CA
Blue Arch Development, LLC	National
California Water Service	CA
Carollo Engineers	National
Carpinteria Sanitary District	CA
City of Baltimore, Department of Public Works	MD
City of Cheney	WA
City of Henderson, Department of Utility Services	NV
City of Pompano Beach	FL
City of Riverbank	CA
City of Roseville	CA
City of Santa Fe Water	NM
City of Ventura	CA
Clackamas Water Environment Services	OR
Clark County Water Reclamation District	NV
East Valley Water District	CA
EnviroTechNovations LLC	National
Florida WaterReuse	FL
Global Water Resources, Inc.	National
Grace Environmental Services, LLC	National
Harmsco Filtration Products	National
Hazen and Sawyer	National
Inland Empire Utilities Agency	CA

Jurupa Community Services District	CA
Las Gallinas Valley Sanitary District	CA
Las Virgenes Municipal Water District	CA
Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts	CA
Marana Water Department	AZ
McAllen Public Utility	TX
Mesa Water District	CA
Monterey Peninsula Water Management District	CA
Ochotona LLC	National
Olivenhain Municipal Water District	CA
Orange County Water District	CA
Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency	CA
Pontic Technology LLC	National
San Diego County Water Authority	CA
Santa Clara Valley Water District	CA
Scotts Valley Water District	CA
Sewer Authority Mid-Coastside	CA
Silverdale Water District	WA
South Bay Water Recycling	CA
Southern Nevada Water Authority	NV
Stantec	National
Summit360 Research LLC	National
The City of Westminster	MD
The International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials	National
Truckee Meadows Water Authority	NV
Warner and Associates	National
Water Replenishment District	CA
WaterReuse Association	National
WaterReuse Pacific Northwest	ID
Western Resource Advocates	CO

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