

May 11, 2018

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**WATER AGENCY COMMENTS ON PROPOSED SAFE, CLEAN WATER PROGRAM  
TAPPING INTO AVAILABLE CAPACITY IN EXISTING INFRASTRUCTURE TO CREATE  
WATER SUPPLY AND WATER QUALITY SOLUTIONS**

We appreciate the opportunity to provide additional input on the County's proposed Safe, Clean Water Program and reference our previous comment letter dated February 20, 2018. Also, thank you for including water agency representatives on the Stakeholder Advisor Committee that is providing feedback to the County on the proposed program.

As a combination of water supply, groundwater and wastewater agency managers, we offer our collective experience and expertise for the County's effort to develop a framework for multi-benefit projects that would improve water quality, increase water supply and enhance communities. To that end, we have collaborated on the preparation of a white paper, entitled *Tapping into Available Capacity in Existing Infrastructure to Create Water Supply and Water Quality Solutions*, which evaluates a unique approach to the challenge.

The white paper explores the opportunity to leverage existing infrastructure in Los Angeles County to provide both water supply and quality benefits. The approach centers on using available capacity in existing wastewater collection and treatment systems to process urban runoff and first-flush stormwater for subsequent recycling and to assist in meeting MS4 requirements. The controlled or permissive diversion of urban runoff and stormwater to the sanitary sewer would provide a cost-effective and environmentally beneficial solution to achieve the proposed program's objectives, particularly recognizing that only 28 percent of the Los Angeles Basin directly overlies a groundwater basin that is suitable for recharge.

Attached is a copy of the white paper for your consideration. We recommend that you consider incorporating the white paper's strategy to leverage existing infrastructure as a cost-effective means to achieve the Safe, Clean Water Program's objectives and believe the approach would complement the current focus on stormwater capture and infiltration.

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If you have any questions or would like to discuss the concept in more detail, please contact Mr. David Pedersen, General Manager of Las Virgenes Municipal Water District, at (818) 251-2122 or [dpedersen@lvmwd.com](mailto:dpedersen@lvmwd.com). Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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