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April 8, 2019

The Honorable Grace P. Napolitano
United States House of Representatives
1610 Longworth House Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Napolitano:

The Orange County Sanitation District (OCSD) strongly endorses the Water Recycling Investment and Improvement Act (H.R. 1162) that you introduced into the U.S. House of Representatives. OCSD is dedicated to the development of environmentally sustainable water supply projects. H.R. 1162 represents a significant step in achieving this goal.

Under H.R. 1162, the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act (WIIN) would be renewed for an additional five years, providing \$500 million in federal grants assistance. The unqualified success and the overwhelming demand for WIIN assistance illustrates that such a commitment of federal support can be readily used by local agencies in California. We are also encouraged by your decision to increase the individual project cap from \$20 million to \$30 million in recognition that such cap has not been adjusted since the implementation of the original program in 1990s. We also applaud your decision to revise a provision of WIIN that requires congressional approval of projects selected for funding under a competitive solicitation program. This extra step leads to needless project delays and provides no benefits.

As Congress considers infrastructure legislation, we look forward to supporting your efforts to pass H.R. 1162. If OCSD can be of any assistance, please feel free to contact Rebecca Long at (714) 593-7444 or via email at rlong@ocsd.com.

Sincerely,

David John Shawver
Board Chairman



Our Mission: To protect public health and the environment by providing effective wastewater collection, treatment, and recycling.