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The Honorable Robert Katherman  
President, Board of Directors  
Water Replenishment District of Southern California  
4040 Paramount Boulevard  
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Dear President ~~Katherman~~ *Rob*:

I am writing to commend the Water Replenishment District of Southern California (WRD) for its continued efforts towards developing a local, reliable source of water through the Groundwater Reliability Improvement Program (GRIP). I fully support of environmentally responsible and sustainable initiatives, such as GRIP, which will make this region 100% independent of imported water for groundwater replenishment purposes.

Solutions to reduce the region's dependence on costly imported water from the environmentally-sensitive Bay Delta and drought-stricken Colorado River are critical. I understand that GRIP will help the region meet its water resource needs through sustainable methods by offsetting nearly seven billion gallons of imported water with locally available recycled water, which would otherwise be wasted.

I recognize WRD's long history of effectively using recycled water to replenish the region's groundwater and conserve potable water supplies for residents, businesses and for ecological needs. GRIP continues this tradition and highlights WRD's commitment as a leader in innovative and sound water management practices.

I look forward to the successful implementation of the Groundwater Reliability Improvement Program.

Sincerely,



Alan Lowenthal  
Member of Congress