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November 20, 2013

The Honorable Robert Katherman
President, Board of Directors
Water Replenishment District of Southern California
4040 Paramount Boulevard
Lakewood, CA 90712

**RE: Support for the Water Replenishment District of Southern California's
Groundwater Reliability Improvement Program**

Dear President Katherman:

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 am supportive of environmentally responsible and sustainable initiatives, such as GRIP, which will make this region 100% independent of imported water for groundwater replenishment purposes.

GRIP embodies forward thinking solutions to reduce the region's dependence on costly imported water from the environmentally-sensitive Bay Delta and drought-stricken Colorado River. 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.

WRD has a long history of successfully using recycled water to replenish the region's groundwater. GRIP continues this tradition and underscores WRD's commitment as a leader in innovative and sound water management practices.

I support the goals and initiatives of GRIP and look forward to the successful implementation of the Groundwater Reliability Improvement Program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bonnie Lowenthal".

BONNIE LOWENTHAL
Assemblymember, 70th District