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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 (WRD)  
Groundwater Reliability Improvement Program (GRIP)**

Dear President Katherman,

I'm writing on behalf of the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce ("Chamber") and our 1,600 member organizations to express our support for the Water Replenishment District of Southern California's Groundwater Reliability Improvement Program ("GRIP").

The Chamber supports programs and efforts that help Los Angeles become less dependent on imported water. GRIP helps the region become more self-reliant by better utilizing local water supplies and providing protection from reductions and curtailments to imported water. GRIP also helps ensure that the water replenishment needs of the region are met by mitigating the impacts of increased population growth and ongoing drought.

The Chamber supports WRD's goal to diversify its water replenishment sources and to reduce its dependence on imported water. The Chamber commends WRD in their continued efforts to be a leader in groundwater replenishment in the region, following a long history of successfully utilizing recycled water to replenish the area's groundwater since 1962. We also applaud WRD's commitment for developing and implementing sustainable programs with future generations in mind.

The Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce stands by WRD and the GRIP initiatives. On behalf of the Chamber, we thank you for your continued leadership on this important issue, and remain ready to assist you in educating our members on this critically important issue for our region.

Sincerely,

Gary Toebben  
President & CEO

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