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November 1, 2013

Mr. 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:

We are writing to express our strong support for the Water Replenishment District of Southern California's Groundwater Reliability Improvement Program (GRIP). We stand by GRIP initiatives and the overall goal to achieve 100% independence from costly imported water.

GRIP is critical in ensuring that the water replenishment needs of the region are met by mitigating the impacts of increased population growth and ongoing drought. GRIP will help create a reliable water source by maximizing local water supplies and will provide protection from reductions and curtailments to imported water.

Our Chamber supports and understands WRD's goal to diversify its water replenishment sources and reduce its dependence on costly imported water from the environmentally-sensitive Bay Delta and drought-stricken Colorado River. GRIP will expand the use of recycled water, thereby helping conserve valuable potable water.

The Commerce Industrial Council Chamber of Commerce 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. The Chamber further entrusts WRD's commitment for developing and implementing sustainable programs with future generations in mind.

I thank you in advance for your full and fair consideration of our request, and look forward to a favorable outcome for WRD and the GRIP initiatives. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Eddie D. Tafoya'.

EDDIE D. TAFOYA
Executive Director