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**RE: Support for the Water Replenishment District of Southern California (WRD) Groundwater Reliability Improvement Program (GRIP)**

Dear President Katherman,

I am writing on behalf of The Florence-Firestone/Walnut Park Chamber of Commerce to express our 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.

The Florence-Firestone/Walnut Park Chamber of Commerce 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 Florence-Firestone/Walnut Park 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 Florence-Firestone/Walnut Park Chamber of Commerce further entrusts WRD's commitment for developing and implementing sustainable programs with future generations in mind.

The Florence-Firestone/Walnut Park Chamber of Commerce stands by WRD and the GRIP initiatives. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

**Efren Martinez**

**Executive Director, CEO**

**The Florence-Firestone/Walnut Park Chamber of Commerce**