

Support Email- POWER

From: Elsa Lopez  
Sent: Wednesday, October 30, 2013 11:12 AM  
To: Esther Rojas  
Subject: FW: Protect Our Water and Environmental Rights

Another support (informal) but none the less support

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-----Original Message-----

From: steve bilson [mailto:[stevebilson@rewater.com](mailto:stevebilson@rewater.com)]  
Sent: Wednesday, October 30, 2013 11:08 AM  
To: Elsa Lopez  
Cc: Rose Zoia  
Subject: Protect Our Water and Environmental Rights

Dear Mr. Lopez:

Our Attorney, Rose Zoia, forwarded your email to me about your groundwater banking program to decrease the pressure on the Delta, **and we support it.**

We hope the WRD will support our decades-long effort to get Southern California to reuse its good residential water for landscape irrigation. Residential water reuse has the potential to provide a third of Southern California's new water needs, while significantly decreasing run-off pollution, while reducing wastewater discharges up to 50%.

Steve Bilson  
Founder, POWER



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November 4, 2013

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 am writing on behalf of The Nature Conservancy 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 Nature Conservancy 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 Nature Conservancy 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 Nature Conservancy further entrusts WRD's commitment for developing and implementing sustainable programs with future generations in mind.

The Nature Conservancy stands by WRD and the GRIP initiatives. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alfredo B. Gonzalez". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Alfredo Gonzalez  
Regional Director, South Coast & Deserts  
The Nature Conservancy