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September 16, 2022

The Family of Supervisor Carmen Ramirez
Ventura County Board of Supervisors, District 5
c/o Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
Hall of Administration Building, Fourth Floor
800 S. Victoria Avenue
Ventura, CA 93009-1940

Dear The Family of Supervisor Carmen Ramirez:

The Board of Directors, management and staff of Las Virgenes Municipal Water District (LVMWD) express their sincere condolences upon hearing the news of Supervisor Carmen Ramirez's passing.

Supervisor Ramirez's leadership, work ethic and commitment to public service and the environment will have long lasting impacts on the County of Ventura and its diverse communities. She was an ardent advocate for sound water policy and always took the time to understand complex water issues that were important to her constituents. Supervisor Ramirez was also a great collaborator and sought opportunities to support others with common interests or goals. For example, she served on the Board of Water Education for Latino Leaders, an organization focused on educating local Latino elected leaders on California water policy.

On August 16, 2022, the LVMWD Board adjourned its regular meeting in honor of Supervisor Ramirez and her dedication to public service. She will be missed, but her legacy will not be forgotten.

We are deeply saddened by the news and send our condolences for your great loss.

Sincerely,

David W. Pedersen, P.E.
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September 16, 2022

The Family of Director E.G. "Jerry" Gladbach
c/o Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency
27234 Bouquet Canyon Road
Santa Clarita, CA 91350-2173

Dear The Family of Director E.G. "Jerry" Gladbach:

The Board of Directors, management and staff of Las Virgenes Municipal Water District (LVMWD) express their sincere condolences upon hearing the news of Jerry Gladbach's passing.

Director Gladbach's leadership, work ethic, and commitment to public service and the water industry will have long lasting impacts throughout California. He will be remembered for his seven decades of service to the water industry, including leadership roles with the Castaic Lake Water Agency, Santa Clarity Valley Water Agency, Association of California Water Agencies, Association of California Water Agencies/Joint Powers Insurance Authority, National Water Resources Association, Local Agency Formation Commission for Los Angeles County, and numerous other state and national water organizations. Director Gladbach was instrumental in promoting the sound development and use of the nation's water resources and articulating the water community's call for comprehensive solutions to California's water problems.

On September 6, 2022, the LVMWD Board adjourned its regular meeting in honor of Director Gladbach and his dedication to public service and the water industry. He will be missed, but his legacy will not be forgotten.

We are deeply saddened by the news and send our condolences for your great loss.

Sincerely,

David W. Pedersen, P.E.
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September 9, 2022

The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor, State of California
1021 O Street, Suite 9000
Sacramento, CA 95814

**SB 1157 (Hertzberg) – Urban Water Use Objectives
Request for Signing Message on Water Reuse and Recycling**

Dear Governor Newsom:

On behalf of Las Virgenes Municipal Water District (District or LVMWD), we request that you consider a signing message for SB 1157 to ensure that the potential impacts to current and proposed water recycling systems are adequately mitigated with implementation of the new indoor residential water use standards.

The District was an early adopter of water recycling in California and among the first agencies to obtain an unrestricted permit for landscape irrigation with recycled water in the early 1970s. Today, LVMWD meets approximately 20% of its overall demands with recycled water. Further, the District is currently completing the environmental review of an innovative \$256 million project called the *Pure Water Project Las Virgenes-Triunfo* to source an additional 15% of its supply from recycled water via potable reuse – reservoir water augmentation.

We recognize the importance of improving water use efficiency across the state, and the District was an early supporter of the 2018 legislative package on water conservation (SB 606 and AB 1668). LVMWD also moved to a neutral position on SB 1157 following Senator Hertzberg's acceptance of amendments from the Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee. However, SB 1157's focus on indoor residential water use standards must be balanced with the state's goal to increase recycled water supply to 1.8 million acre-feet per year by 2040, as outlined in your *August 2022 California's Water Supply Strategy: Adapting to a Hotter, Drier Future*.

In LVMWD's region, approximately 70% of residential water usage occurs outdoors due to the warm climate and relatively large lot sizes. As a result, the District has concentrated its limited resources on outdoor water use efficiency where the greatest savings can be achieved. Shifting the focus to indoor water usage would yield lower overall savings and reduce the volume of wastewater available for recycling at our Tapia Water Reclamation Facility (Tapia). By 2028, we expect to beneficially reuse 100% of the treated water from Tapia, and the economics of our Pure Water Project depend on that supply.

The Honorable Gavin Newsom
September 9, 2022
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For these reasons, we ask that you consider a signing message to ensure that the potential impacts of SB 1157 on water reuse and recycling efforts throughout California are adequately mitigated. The following message would achieve the objective:

"I hereby direct the Department of Water Resources to recommend, and the State Water Resource Control Board to adopt, a variance to mitigate the effects of lower indoor residential water use standards on current and proposed water reuse and recycling systems throughout California."

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Jay Lewitt
Board President



David W. Pedersen, P.E.
General Manager

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cc: Board of Directors
MWD Representative Glen Peterson