

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-2

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ELK GROVE
AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN A STAKEHOLDER LETTER OF
SUPPORT, STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES, AND SIMILAR FUTURE SUPPORT
LETTERS RELATED TO THE SACRAMENTO WATER RECYCLING PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District (SRCSD) is responsible for the collection, treatment, disposal, and reuse (recycled water) of wastewater throughout most of the urbanized areas in Sacramento County; and

WHEREAS, SRCSD has established the Sacramento Water Recycling Program which provides an environmentally responsible and safe water supply for non-potable purposes; and

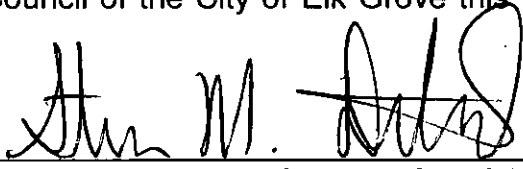
WHEREAS, SRCSD formed the Sacramento Water Recycling Coalition consisting of stakeholders that would benefit from the Sacramento Water Recycling Program; and

WHEREAS, the City of Elk Grove is a participant of the Sacramento Water Recycling Coalition; and

WHEREAS, SRCSD made a presentation to the City of Elk Grove City Council on December 8, 2010 regarding the Sacramento Water Recycling Program and requested the City Council to authorize the City Manager to sign a Stakeholder Letter of Support, Statement of Principles, and similar future support letters related to the Sacramento Water Recycling Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Elk Grove hereby authorizes the City Manager to sign the Stakeholder Letter of Support attached hereto as Exhibit A, Statement of Principles attached hereto as Exhibit B, and similar future support letters related to the Sacramento Water Recycling Program.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Elk Grove this 12th day of January 2011.



STEVEN M. DETRICK, MAYOR of the
CITY OF ELK GROVE

ATTEST:



JASON LINDGREN, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



SUSAN COCHRAN, CITY ATTORNEY

Sacramento Water Recycling Coalition



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January 12, 2011

Subject: Support for Sacramento Water Recycling Program

To: Congressional Representatives
Delta Protection Commission
City and County Managers
Water Authorities

The Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District (SRCSD) safely treats and disinfects an average of 150 million gallons a day of wastewater - water that could be put to beneficial use as a recycled water supply for the Sacramento region. Currently, SRCSD's recycled water facility produces up to 5 million gallons per day (mgd) for landscape irrigation use in south Sacramento County. Unfortunately, most of this valuable and reliable water supply is not being recycled due to a lack of funding to construct the required infrastructure.

We the undersigned Sacramento regional organizations have unified to form the Sacramento Water Recycling Coalition to gain support and funding to promote the expansion of the water recycling program for the Sacramento region. We believe that expanding the recycled water program will provide environmental and economic benefits. We support the concept of a Sacramento Water Recycling Program that will:

- Provide a sustainable water supply for the Sacramento region;
- Contribute to the water recycling goals of the State;
- Provide water conservation and an opportunity for water quality benefits.

We recognize recycled water as a valuable commodity that is used considerably less in the Sacramento region as compared to other areas within our state. SRCSD performed a Water Recycling Opportunities Study that identified several local projects that could benefit from the use of recycled water. The South Sacramento County Agriculture and Habitat Lands Water Recycling Project was one project identified by this study. This project would provide a safe and reliable supply of tertiary treated water for agricultural uses, reduce groundwater pumping, support habitat restoration efforts, and provide near-term benefits to the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and the region.

We request that you actively support securing a commitment of significant state and federal funding assistance for a Sacramento Regional Water Recycling Program. Financial support will mean that a project with multiple benefits, including benefits to the Delta, would be supported by all levels of government ensuring an equitable distribution of costs.

Sacramento Water Recycling Coalition

We sincerely appreciate your support and your assistance. If you have any questions or comments regarding our program or our projects, please feel free to contact Terrie Mitchell, Manager SRCSD Legislative and Regulatory Affairs at (916) 876-6092 or mitchellt@sacsewer.com.

LAURA GILL
City Manager
City of Elk Grove

Attachment: Water Recycling Opportunities Study

Statement of Principles Sacramento Water Recycling Coalition

We, the undersigned organizations, have come together to form a Coalition to advance the use of recycled water in the Sacramento region. This Statement of Principles outlines our purpose in forming this Coalition and what we intend to achieve together.

Mission / Vision Statement

Water recycling has many benefits including the potential for providing a sustainable source of water for many uses as described in the SRCSD Water Recycling Opportunities Study. Some of these uses include agriculture and landscape irrigation, water supply for wildlife habitat and mitigation lands, industrial uses, and as a source to supplement limited state and regional water resources. The objective of our Coalition is to work collaboratively to identify, develop, and promote opportunities for the use of recycled water within the Sacramento region, and to seek political support and funding for those opportunities.

Preamble

The State of California has established goals for recycling water to move toward sustainable management of surface waters and groundwater, enhanced water conservation and water reuse. Recycled water is currently used in the Sacramento region on a small scale and on a larger scale in several other regions within our state. Water recycling is included in the 2009 California Water Plan within Objective #2 titled "Use and Reuse Water More Efficiently" which states "*Use water more efficiently with significantly greater water conservation, recycling, and reuse to help meet future water demands and adapt to climate change.*"

The Water Code distinguishes between effluent disposal and water recycling, and defines recycled water as "water which, as a result of treatment of waste, *is suitable for a direct beneficial use* or a controlled use that would not otherwise occur and is therefore *considered a valuable resource.*" Recycled water use must comply with Title 22 water recycling criteria (Water Code, §§ 13520, 13521) that specify levels of treatment, land use and operational requirements for permissible recycled water uses, including the irrigation of food crops and fodder and fiber crops.

There are some state and federal programs that have been identified as sources of funding for recycled water projects including US Bureau of Reclamation Title XVI, CALFED funding, Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP), Proposition 84, Proposition 50, and the Clean Water State Revolving Fund. In addition, the Comprehensive Water Package / Safe, Clean, and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2011/12 may include a provision for funding recycled water, if approved by voters.

The existing Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District's Water Reclamation Facility was designed to produce up to 5 million gallons per day (mgd) of recycled water. This recycled water is currently used at a localized level by the Sacramento County Water Agency for landscape irrigation in south Sacramento County, and by the Sacramento Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant. The facility is permitted for up to 10 mgd.

Statement of Principles

We support expansion of the existing local recycled water program into a regional program as a means to provide a sustainable water supply and an opportunity for water quality benefits. However, in order to expand the use of recycled water on a regional scale, state and federal funding will be needed to help offset project costs and to guide the future direction for water recycling in the Sacramento region.

Statement of Principles Sacramento Water Recycling Coalition

Coalition Efforts

Members of this Coalition pledge to collaborate to identify and support recycled water projects in the Sacramento area that have regional benefits and will seek to build consensus to support a comprehensive water reuse program.

The Coalition members will evaluate opportunities to provide input and comment regarding proposed legislation and regulation related to recycled water use in the state and in the Sacramento region. The members will investigate and seek funding opportunities for recycled water studies, planning, construction of pilot projects, treatment systems, transmission and distribution systems, associated monitoring and testing programs for these projects and other identified similar projects. The Coalition will seek projects that have multiple benefits and potentially multiple funding sources and opportunities.

As Stakeholders, we commit to the development of policies that promote mutually beneficial projects that meet state health standards, support agricultural, wildlife habitat and ecological needs, water supply needs and other needs as identified by the Coalition.

Recycled water treatment standards will be addressed on an individual project basis. The Coalition is committed to maintaining compliance with regulatory requirements and remaining actively engaged in current and evolving research and scientific studies related to recycled water use. Coalition members pledge to actively search for and provide current technical and educational materials related to regulatory requirements, legal issues, health and safety issues, water quality data, environmental issues, and recycled water use experiences and opportunities in other regions. This information will be shared with the Coalition members and other affected parties so that they may make informed decisions related to recycled water use.

Participation in the Coalition or support of these principles does not place a specific obligation on any individual Coalition member related to a specific recycled water project or Coalition efforts.

January 12, 2011

LAURA GILL
City Manager
City of Elk Grove



**CERTIFICATION
ELK GROVE CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 2011-2**

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO) ss
CITY OF ELK GROVE)

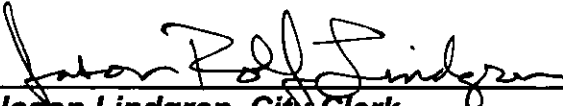
I, Jason Lindgren, City Clerk of the City of Elk Grove, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly introduced, approved, and adopted by the City Council of the City of Elk Grove at a regular meeting of said Council held on January 12, 2011 by the following vote:

AYES : COUNCILMEMBERS: *Detrick, Cooper, Davis, Hume, Scherman*

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: *None*

ABSTAIN : COUNCILMEMBERS: *None*

ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: *None*


**Jason Lindgren, City Clerk
City of Elk Grove, California**