



**LOS ANGELES COUNTY
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Converting Waste Into Resources

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The Honorable Peter DeFazio, Chairman
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Grace P. Napolitano, Chairwoman
Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment
Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure
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Dear Chairman DeFazio and Chairwoman Napolitano:

Proposed Water Quality and Job Protection Act of 2021: Support Position

On behalf of the Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts, I am pleased to write in support of the proposed Water Quality Protection and Job Creation Act of 2021. The Sanitation Districts appreciate your leadership on clean water issues, and strongly support this initiative to reinvigorate the federal commitment in support of water infrastructure. By way of background, the Sanitation Districts provide wastewater and solid waste services to approximately 5.6 million people in 78 cities and unincorporated areas in Los Angeles County. The Sanitation Districts own and operate 11 wastewater treatment facilities, 1,400 miles of sewers and 48 pump stations, which collectively treat approximately 390 million gallons per day and supply about 100,000 acre-feet/year of recycled water for a variety of uses. We frequently use the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) to finance capital projects and want to emphasize how helpful the SRF is to our ratepayers and local communities.

The proposed authorization of \$40 billion over five years for the Clean Water SRF Program would provide a greatly needed boost in funding. In California, the need for water infrastructure assistance is great, which has resulted in the State's SRF Program being oversubscribed and leaves the SRF Program unable to meet demand. The State often leverages the federal capitalization grants through the issuance of revenue bonds, thereby increasing the impact of these much-needed federal investments. The Sanitation Districts also support the \$10 billion in funding authorizations proposed for several other water infrastructure programs, particularly for those programs that support activities related to stormwater management and water reuse.

We look forward to continuing to work with you and we are pleased to offer our strong support for this important legislation. If you have any questions, please contact Sharon Green of my staff at sgreen@lacsd.org or (562) 908-4288, ext. 2503.

Very truly yours,

Robert C. Ferrante

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