



Western Recycled Water Coalition: A Collaborative Approach to Developing Sustainable Supplies

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The Honorable Peter A. DeFazio
Chairman
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
U.S. House of Representatives
2165 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515-6256

RE: H.R. 1915, WATER QUALITY PROTECTION AND JOB CREATION ACT OF 2021, SUPPORT

Dear Chairman DeFazio:

The Western Recycled Water Coalition (WRWC), a partnership of cities, water and wastewater districts developing recycled water projects that increase water supply reliability, improve water quality, and support local economies, is pleased to support H.R. 1915, the "Water Quality Protection and Job Creation Act of 2021," with the anticipated substitute amendment, and to commend you for your vision and leadership in advancing an issue that is fundamental to the quality of life for all Americans.

Specifically, in the base text, we are not only pleased with the \$40 billion five-year reauthorization of the Clean Water SRF but also with the very real possibility that what has been long overdue - critical funding for the program - may come to fruition. We also commend you for including a robust increase in the funding authorization for the Alternative Water Source Projects (AWSP) program. That increase, plus the change in existing law via the substitute amendment to be offered to allow recycled water projects that have not received USBR construction funds to apply for AWSP grants, will provide another opportunity for recycled water projects nationwide to seek much needed funding. We appreciate the opportunity to work with your staff on that change and they have been most accommodating.

Recycled water projects provide multiple benefits, and create reliable, sustainable water supplies, helping to ensure economic vitality for industrial, commercial, municipal, and agricultural users. The combination of the reauthorization of both the Clean Water SRF and the AWSP, coupled with significant increased funding for both, speaks volumes for the need to pass H. R. 1915 and the WRWC is committed to supporting that effort.

Sincerely,

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Western Recycled Water Coalition