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**Washington, DC 20515**

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Chairman Bill Shuster  
United States House of Representatives  
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure  
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Ranking Member Peter DeFazio  
United States House of Representatives  
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Dear Chairman Shuster and Ranking Member DeFazio:

As the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure begins to write the Water Resources Development Act of 2018, we respectfully request a modification to the Harbor/South Bay water recycling project, which the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers included in its 2017 Report to Congress on Future of Water Resources Development.

As originally enacted, the project was provided a \$35 million authorization to carry out water reuse activities within the footprint of the West Basin Municipal Water District (WBMWD), the non-federal cost-share partner. Due to the success of these projects, WBMWD is requesting the authorization be increased to \$70 million in order to deliver recycled water to areas not currently served by the project.

Specifically, the modification will allow West Basin to: 1) complete the pipeline delivery system for maximum delivery of recycled water by constructing ten new pipeline laterals, 2) construct additional satellite treatment facilities and pump stations in order to ensure water quality and meet the needs of individual water users, and 3) expand the microfiltration capacity at the Edward C. Little Water Recycling Facility in order to maximize recycled water production, improve overall water quality, and increase local water reliability.

The proposed modification to the federal project would help fund the construction of ten new lateral pipelines that would deliver recycled water to priority, high-volume water users in the Harbor/South Bay Region. Once completed, these lateral projects would deliver approximately 6,251 acre-feet per year (AF/y) of drought-proof recycled water to the region.

Through the expansion of the federal project, WBMWD will deliver an additional 13,975 AF/y to the region. Drought, climate change, and a growing population put a strain on the already scarce and fragile water supply. By increasing the authorization ceiling through this modification, the Corps will help ensure an adequate water supply for the Los Angeles region to meet current and future demands.

Pursuant to section 7001 of the Water Resources Reform and Development Act of 2014, this project was included in the 2017 Report to Congress on Future Water Resources Development. Thank you for your consideration of this request to modify the Harbor/South Bay water recycling project authorization. We look forward to working with you in enacting a Water Resources Development Act of 2018.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress



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The Honorable Garret Graves, Chairman, House Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment

The Honorable Grace F. Napolitano, Ranking Member, House Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment