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The Honorable Jo-Ellen Darcy
Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works
Room 3E446
108 Army Pentagon
Washington, D.C. 20310

Harbor/South Bay Water Recycling Project Modification

Dear Secretary Darcy:

Please accept the following proposal from the West Basin Municipal Water District (West Basin) for a modification to the Harbor/South Bay Water Recycling Project, Los Angeles (Project), as previously authorized by Section 502(b)(43) of the Water Resources Development Act of 1999 (Public Law 106-53), as amended by Public Law 106-554.

This modification aims to increase the authorization ceiling of the existing Project from \$35 million to \$70 million in order to increase the output of recycled water to the region by 13,974.5 acre-feet per year. The Project expansion components include: (1) constructing new pipeline laterals, (2) building additional satellite treatment and pump stations, and (3) expanding the Edward C. Little Water Recycling Facility. By approving this modification, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers could substantially contribute to the delivery of safe and reliable recycled water to the drought-ravaged region.

The Project expansion has garnered support from a number of diverse parties throughout the region and is fully supported by the West Basin Board of Directors. The modification will decrease the demand for imported water to the region in a reliable, sustainable, and environmentally friendly manner. Additionally, there will be benefits to the Pacific Ocean, local businesses, the national economy, and the environment.

With California facing the most severe drought on record, the Project is vital to providing a reliable and safe water supply to the Los Angeles area. West Basin looks forward to continuing its strong partnership with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in order to expand the production and delivery of additional recycled water supplies to millions of Americans.

Thank you for your time and consideration. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Rich Nagel".

Rich Nagel
General Manager

cc: Lisa Kiefel, Planning Portfolio Manager, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers