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RE: Support for the Bay Area Clean Water Agencies' Integrated Water Resources Management (IRWM) "Round 1" Implementation Grant Application/Las Gallinas Valley Sanitary District (LGVSD)/North Marin Water District (NMWD) Novato South Service Area Project

Dear Mr. Joseph:

On behalf of the Las Gallinas Valley Sanitary District, I am writing in support of the Department of Water Resources' recently-released draft funding recommendation for the Bay Area Clean Water Agencies' Integrated Water Resources Management (BACWA IRWM) implementation grant application and the North Bay Water Reuse Authority (NBWRA) projects reflected in that application.

The Sonoma, Marin and Napa Counties (Region) faces long-term challenges in providing reliable water supplies. The state water project serves only a small corner of the Region. Surface and groundwater sources are limited and some groundwater basins are over pumped. Urban, agricultural and environmental demands exceed the region's sustainable water supply. In response to these regional water supply challenges, the NBWRA was formed more than a decade ago to expand the use of recycled water as a drought-proof supply.

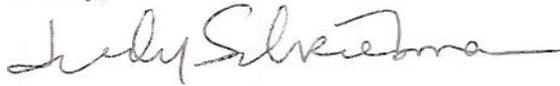
The LGVSD/NMWD Novato South Service Area Project and four other NBWRA projects included in the grant application, are a significant step toward greater water supply reliability in the Region. The LGVSD/NMWD Novato South Service Area Project provides specific and immediate local benefits that will produce 204 acre feet annually of recycled water that can offset potable water use for irrigation.

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We strongly support the Department's draft full funding recommendation of the requested amount of \$29,715,426 for the BACWA IRWM grant application and the NBWRA projects contained in it and urge the Department to proceed to finalize this recommendation.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our General Manager Mark Williams at 415-472-1734.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Judy Schriebman".

Judy Schriebman
Board President

Cc: LGVSD Directors
NBWRA participants