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Ms. Kristen Way, Environmental Scientist and
Mr. David M. Houston, P.E., Water Resource Control Engineer
State Water Resources Control Board
Water Recycling Funding Program
1001 "I" Street, 16th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Ms. Way and Mr. Houston:

REAFFIRMATION OF PREVIOUSLY CERTIFIED AND ADOPTED 2016 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT OF THE LOS ANGELES GROUNDWATER REPLENISHMENT PROJECT AS PART OF THE APPLICATION FOR THE STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD'S STATE REVOLVING FUND

LA Sanitation and Environment (LASAN) is providing this letter to the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) as part of our application for the State Revolving Fund for the Los Angeles Groundwater Replenishment Project (LAGWR Project).

LASAN finds that the LAGWR Project has not changed since the previously certified and adopted 2016 LAGWR Project Environmental Impact Report (EIR), and will not cause or result in any new or significant impacts to the project, project area, or environmental regulations that would require additional evaluation.

Please find attached a letter from the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, the lead agency, which has also reaffirmed the EIR.

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For any questions or concerns, please contact Thien Phan at (213) 485-4247 or email at thien.phan@lacity.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Barbara Romero", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

BARBARA ROMERO
Director and General Manager
LA Sanitation and Environment

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Attachment:
Reaffirmation Letter from LADWP

c: Lisa Mowery, LASAN
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December 28, 2021

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Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Ms. Way and Mr. Houston:

Subject: Reaffirmation of the Los Angeles Groundwater Replenishment Project

The Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) is providing this letter to the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) for consideration as part of the State Revolving Fund application review for the Los Angeles Groundwater Replenishment Project (LAGWR Project). Below details the background summary, determination and reaffirmation of the previously certified and adopted 2016 LAGWR Project Environment Impact Report (EIR).

PROJECT SUMMARY

An EIR was prepared by the City of Los Angeles (City), as represented by the LADWP and the Los Angeles Department of Public Works Bureau of Sanitation (LASAN), to evaluate potential environmental effects that would result from development of the proposed LAGWR Project/Propose Project (SCH No. 2013091023). The Final EIR for the LAGWR Project was certified EIR by the Board of Water and Power Commissioners on December 6, 2016, and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Notice of Determination for the project was filed on December 12, 2016.

DETERMINATION and REAFFIRMATION

The LAGWR Project EIR was prepared in conformance with the CEQA of 1970 statutes (Cal. Pub. Res. Code, Section 21000 et. seq., as amended) and its implementing guidelines (Cal. Code Regs., Title 14, Section 15000 et. seq., 2016). Several public agencies have a key role in the approval and/or implementation of the Proposed Project.

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As the public agencies responsible for water resources in the City, LADWP and LASAN are working jointly to plan, design, implement, and operate the Project. LADWP, as the supplier of potable water to the City of Los Angeles, would maintain final use and control of the purified water produced under the Project and would provide funding to support Project implementation and operations. As such, LADWP is identified as the lead agency for the Proposed Project under CEQA.

At the request of SWRCB to ensure the compliance with the State Revolving Fund Program and its five-year rule, LADWP, as the lead agency, is providing a reaffirmation that none of the conditions described in Public Resources Code Section 21166 or outlined in CEQA Guidelines Section 15162 that might require further environmental review under CEQA, has occurred or applies to LAGWR Project.

Based on the conclusion, it is recommended that the SWRCB find the LAGWR Project in 2021 will not cause or result in any new potential and significant impacts than forecasted in the adopted 2016 LAGWR Certified EIR. Reliance on the Certified LAGWR EIR is the appropriate CEQA environmental determination for the SWRCB's CEQA compliance.

If you have any questions, you may contact me at (213) 367-0285 or email at Charles.Holloway@ladwp.com.

Sincerely,

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