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**San Diego County Water Authority**

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Attn: Dr. Carolina Balazs  
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RE – Letter of Support for ACWA/CMUA Comment Letter on the OEHHA Human Right to Water Public Review Draft Mapping Tool and Draft Report

Dear Dr. Balazs:

The San Diego County Water Authority appreciates the opportunity to provide public comment on the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) Public Review Draft Report entitled, *Achieving the Human Right to Water in California: An Assessment of the State's Community Water Systems* (Draft Report) and Draft Mapping Tool (Draft Tool).

**We have worked closely with the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) and California Municipal Utilities Association (CMUA) and would like to provide strong support for their detailed comment letter.** In particular, we are concerned that the Draft Report and Draft Tool have not been sufficiently vetted by water agencies and other systems responsible for providing safe drinking water to the public. We echo ACWA and CMUA's call on OEHHA to, at a minimum, consider further engagement with the water community:

- Host a water community meeting to review and discuss the ACWA and CMUA comments prior to OEHHA finalizing the report and tool;
- Provide water systems with the raw data from the tool when requested;
- Develop and institute a process that allows water systems the ability to respectfully appeal data shown in the tool and contextualize it with more relevant accurate information; and
- Form an advisory group comprised of diverse water agencies, academia, community advocates and other interested stakeholders to serve in collaboration with OEHHA and provide an ongoing opportunity to discuss current indicators, future indicators, and versions of the tool.

We look forward to sharing with you our input, data and examples before finalizing the report and tool. If you have any questions, please contact Elizabeth Lovsted at 858-522-6749 or [elovsted@sdcwa.org](mailto:elovsted@sdcwa.org).

Sincerely,

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Director of Water Resources

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