July 10, 2019

The Honorable Anthony Portantino  
Chair, Senate Appropriations Committee  
State Capitol, Room 2206  
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 292 (Quirk) – SUPPORT

Dear Chairman Portantino:

On behalf of the Groundwater Resources Association of California (GRA), we write to express support for AB 292 (Quirk) which seeks to increase and expand the use of recycled water in California, by establishing a common set of terms that promote the safe use of recycled water, especially as a source of drinking water.

GRA membership includes approximately one thousand professionals located throughout California with technical and legal expertise in groundwater. GRA has helped formulate statewide policy on the development, management, and protection of the state’s groundwater resources.

Specifically, AB 292 updates the definition of potable reuse of recycled water by also including raw water augmentation, treated drinking water augmentation, groundwater augmentation, or reservoir water augmentation within the definition and by deleting the terms direct and indirect potable reuse.

Potable reuse is currently used for groundwater recharge of drinking water supplies in many places in California and will soon be used to augment surface water storage of drinking water supplies. By updating the terminology used surrounding recycled water now, AB 292 will help the public, stakeholders, and water ratepayers better understand and accept future drinking water sources.

For these reasons, GRA is in support of AB 292 and respectfully requests your “AYE” vote on this measure. If you have any questions regarding our position, please do not hesitate to contact me at 916-596-9163.

Sincerely,

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GRA Legislative Committee Chairman

cc: The Honorable Bill Quirk  
Honorable Members, Senate Appropriations Committee  
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