



City of Malibu

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State Water Resources Control Board
P.O. Box 100
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RE: Consideration of a proposed Resolution to amend and clarify the Reduced Interest Rate Incentive for Recycled Water Projects funded through the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) in response to the drought (February 16, 2016 Agenda Item No. 3) – SUPPORT

Dear Board Members:

The City of Malibu fully supports the staff recommendation on Agenda Item No. 3 to rescind the \$800 million cap on 1.0% SRF financing set forth in Resolution No. 2014-0015, and to approve the 1.0% SRF financing for any eligible water recycling project for which a complete application was submitted on or before December 2, 2015.

We were grateful for the opportunity to receive SRF funding that will help pay for our important Civic Center Wastewater Treatment and Water Recycling project. This project was born out of the need to support clean ocean and creek water. However, it has now turned into a much more important water recycling effort. The estimated grant of \$8.9 million will make it possible for the City to complete this \$59.8 million project.

In light of the drought and the need to preserve our critical water resources, it is imperative that cities throughout California be afforded the opportunity to continue their communities' water conservation management programs. We fully support extending the SRF program to provide the funding necessary to complete projects similar to our project that will address those needs for a sustainable water system in California. As the Governor has indicated, California continues to face the consequences of years of significant drought that, despite expectations of El Niño storms this year, will most likely continue to plague our state into the future. By making these grants and low interest loans available, numerous recycle water projects will be able to move forward and protect our valuable water resources.

Again, the City of Malibu unequivocally supports staff's conclusion that providing these financial incentives encourages additional water quality improvement projects and drought-relief, and will assist Regional Boards and communities across the state to achieve water quality goals, objectives and performance metrics.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (310) 456-2489, extension 226 or jthorsen@malibucity.org. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Jim Thorsen
City Manager

cc: Mayor Rosenthal and Honorable Members of the Malibu City Council
Bob Brager, Public Works Director
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