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Subject: Departmental Review Committee's review of proposals entitled LAFCO 3226 and LAFCO SC#423 - LAFCO's letter dated April 19, 2018

Dear Ms. Rollings-McDonald,

In response to your letter dated April 19, 2018, City of Redlands (City) is working closely with East Valley Water District (District) and discussing the use of the City's spreading grounds for recharge which has the capacity to secure both the City and District's recycled water recharge needs.

The City owns and operates a wastewater treatment facility with the ability to replenish the local groundwater basin. Currently, the City's recycled water is used primarily for industrial cooling for the Mountainview Power Plant along with groundwater replenishment.

The Sterling Natural Resource Center (SNRC) has identified the use of the City's spreading grounds as a recycled water discharge alternative in its Environmental Impact Report. City staff have been involved in these discussions from an early point and continue to work with District to negotiate a use agreement to allow for SNRC flows to be discharged in the City's spreading grounds.

While we continue these discussions, the City is in support of the Sterling Natural Resource Center and the consideration of the spreading grounds as a discharge alternative. The City has evaluated the recharge capacity of the spreading grounds and has determined that the City has sufficient recharge capacity to accommodate 10 mgd of recycled water from SNRC in addition to the City's own recycled water recharging needs. The total recharge capacity of the City's spreading grounds was determined to be over 50 million gallons per day (mgd). We are confident that the recharge capacity in the spreading grounds is well in excess of the potential combined contributions of the full capacity of the City's wastewater treatment plant and 10 mgd of flows from the SNRC.



As a community that benefits from the sustainability of the Bunker Hill Groundwater Basin, we look forward to the addition of new recycled water facilities with regional benefits. If you have additional questions please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



Paul Teor

Cc: N. Enrique Martinez, City Manager
John Mura, East Valley Water District General Manager/CEO