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September 23, 2013

The Honorable Edmund G. Brown Jr.  
Governor, State of California  
State Capitol, First Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 322 (Hueso) – REQUEST FOR SIGNATURE

Dear Assemblymember Rendon:

On behalf of the California Groundwater Coalition, I am writing to respectfully request your signature on SB 322 (Hueso), which sets deadlines for the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) to convene an expert panel, advisory group, and consult with the State Water Board when investigating the feasibility of developing uniform water recycling criteria for direct potable reuse.

The California Groundwater Coalition (CGC) was formed at the urging of California State and local officials who believe that increased efforts are needed to educate and inform policy makers and the public about California groundwater resources. CGC members include public and private groundwater management entities located throughout California and consist of experts with technical, legal, and professional groundwater and related expertise.

SB 322 sets necessary deadlines for CDPH to convene and administer an expert panel to advise it on the public health issues and scientific and technical matters regarding the development of uniform water recycling criteria for indirect potable reuse. This bill also requires CDPH to investigate the feasibility of developing uniform water recycling criteria for direct potable reuse. The development of uniform water recycling criteria and regulations is essential to advancing the goal of increasing recycled water use in California.

We believe that the timely completion of the expert panel report and recommendations from CDPH on the ability to ensure a safe water supply through direct potable reuse projects is critical for the planning of potable reuse projects in California and therefore respectfully request your signature on the bill.

Sincerely,

Kenneth Manning  
President, California Groundwater Coalition