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POSITION OF THE FLORIN RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT ON THE SACRAMENTO REGIONAL COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT'S PROPOSED SPHERE OF INFLUENCE (SOI) AMENDMENT AND ANNEXATION OF HARVEST WATER AREA INTO REGIONAL SAN FOR RECYCLED WATER SERVICE ONLY

The Florin Resource Conservation District (FRCD) has reviewed the Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District's (Regional San's) proposed Harvest Water Program and the associated request to the Sacramento Local Area Formation Commission (LAFCo) to amend Regional San's Sphere of Influence (SOI) and annex the Harvest Water Area into Regional San for recycled water service only. Staff has met with Regional San staff and reviewed the program's anticipated recycled water service, ratepayer and fiscal implications, and the groundwater and ecosystem benefits.

Pursuant to that review, the FRCD Board of Directors has considered this matter and recommends that LAFCo approve Regional San's request.

Recycled water, and its agricultural use, provide numerous benefits such as:

1. Reducing the need for groundwater pumping, thereby improving the sustainability of groundwater in the region,
2. Broadening Regional San's effluent management options, thereby assisting Regional San in complying with the State and Regional requirements associated with discharging into the Sacramento River,
3. Providing for improved habitat and associated ecosystems, and
4. Improving the overall management of water supply in Sacramento County.

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A portion of the expanded SOI overlaps with the jurisdictional boundary of the FRCD. There are no service conflicts with this overlap and the FRCD, for the reasons listed above, supports the Harvest Water Program and the associated request to LAFCo.

Please contact me if you have any questions about the FRCD position on these actions.

Sincerely,



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