

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Los Angeles Waterkeeper supports the proposed resolution for the City to offer formal support for the Metropolitan Water District's Pure Water Southern California (PWSC) as part of the City's 2025-2026 State Legislative and Federal Legislative Programs. Wastewater recycling is a critical component of our resilient local water supply portfolio and will be a vital step forward in establishing a dependable source of local water, particularly as climate change brings worsening drought conditions and water scarcity issues. Large recycling programs like PWSC and the City's own Pure Water Los Angeles (PWLA) are economically efficient means of achieving significant quantities of local water and reducing the discharge of treated water into the Pacific Ocean, and LA Waterkeeper supports both PWSC and PWLA going forward on the fastest possible timeline. Additionally, the more that PWSC and PWLA can be fully integrated with each other to function as part of a broader regional recycling system, the better we will be able to reduce costs and environmental impacts of these major projects. We commend City Council for its support of these wastewater recycling projects and for its willingness to collaborate with MWD, and we look forward to seeing these projects obtain funding and begin implementation in the coming years. Sincerely, Benjamin Harris Senior Staff Attorney Los Angeles Waterkeeper