



April 21, 2020
East County Advanced Water Purification Project JPA
% Allen Carlisle - CEO, General Manager
Padre Dam Municipal Water District
9300 Fanita Parkway
Santee, CA 92071

Re: Support for the East County Advanced Water Purification Project

Dear Mr. Carlisle and East County AWP JPA Members,

On behalf of the Surfrider Foundation San Diego County Chapter (Surfrider), we are pleased to extend our continued support for the East County Advanced Water Purification (AWP) project which is now governed by East County AWP Joint Powers Authority (JPA).

Surfrider is a grassroots volunteer organization dedicated to the protection of our oceans and coast. For more than three decades, Surfrider has worked with environmental experts to achieve solutions for coastal protection and we are pleased to see the steadfast progress of this important environmental and public infrastructure project that will provide a critical local source of water for our region.

Climate change exacerbates San Diego's dependence on imported water, which perpetuates an energy intensive system and makes our region more vulnerable to drought. We applaud the efforts of the AWP in taking a sustainable step towards regional water supply reliability while also making beneficial use of our wastewater, and we recognize the JPA's formation as an important step in this process.

The Advanced Water Purification Facility's goal of producing up to 11.5 million gallons of water per day by 2025 is laudable and a meaningful step towards securing a more resilient water supply for San Diegans.

Sincerely,
Laura Walsh
Policy Coordinator
The Surfrider Foundation, San Diego Chapter

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Laura Walsh". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Laura" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Walsh".