

February 10, 2010

Mr. Robert Gomperz
President of the Board
Foothill Municipal Water District
4536 Hampton Road
La Canada Flintridge, CA 91011

Dear Mr. Gomperz:

I am writing in support of Foothill Municipal Water District's Local Reliable Supply Program, which includes building new water recycling projects and facilities to capture stormwater as well as improving system reliability. Having served as FMWD's interim general manager on two occasions after retiring as Chief of Operations from the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California I am a strong advocate of making infrastructure investments that decrease FMWD's dependence on imported water.

Foothill's water supply has become less reliable in recent years because of the current drought and legal rulings that divert water supplies for the protection of endangered fish species. Imported water supplies have been reduced and the Governor has asked for a permanent reduction in water use of 20 percent by 2020. All of this highlights the need for greater water independence. Additionally, the recent local fires and subsequent landslides and mudflows highlight the need for a reliable system to deliver that water.

Foothill's program meets these objectives by developing recycled water to replace the use of potable water where appropriate (such as landscaping) and increasing stormwater capture and conservation. The program also allows for the rehabilitation of the current infrastructure, much of which dates to the early and mid- 1950s.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (818) 269 0081.

Sincerely,



Jay Malinowski