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The Honorable Barbara Boxer US Senate

The Honorable John Garamendi US House of Representatives

The Honorable Jerry McNerney US House of Representatives

The Honorable Pete Stark US House of Representatives

Dear Senators and Representatives:

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein US Senate

The Honorable Barbara Lee US House of Representatives

The Honorable George Miller US House of Representatives

On behalf of the City of Albany, I write in strong support of the East Bay Municipal Utility District's fiscal year 2011 budget request.

This request seeks your support of \$5 million in FY11 federal funding so the East Bay Municipal Utility District can continue to design and construct recycled water pipelines to serve additional irrigation, commercial and industrial uses in portions of five cities in Alameda County: Oakland, Berkeley, Alameda, Albany, and Emeryville. The District's East Bayshore Recycled Water Project eventually will supply an annual average of 2.5 million gallons per day of recycled water. This recycled water project is an important element of California's effort to ensure water supplies for drought years by meeting daily water needs with non-potable water where feasible.

Each of these communities and others in the East Bay is provided critical water and wastewater treatment services from the District. We believe the District's East Bayshore project delivers important public health and ecosystem improvements. During these difficult budgetary times, the requested assistance will bring about jobs creation and economic activity for our region. I want to emphasize that this request is ready to proceed to construction and is fully authorized under the appropriate federal law.

The City of Albany is a strong supporter of water conservation efforts, as demonstrated in local projects, policies, and ordinances. We have worked with the Bay Area Rapid Transit District (BART) to install the infrastructure necessary

to irrigate the 9-acre Ohlone Greenway with reclaimed water when it completes the seismic retrofit of its tracks. All that is needed is a short ½ mile extension of EBMUD's recycled water pipes to save thousands of gallons of potable water, which we hope this funding can help accomplish.

Again, we strongly endorse this request and urge you to make it a top priority for federal assistance as you develop the fiscal year 2011 budget. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Beth Pollard, City Administrator, at (510) 528-5710.

Sincerely yours,

Joanne Wile

Mayor

cc: Greg Chan, EBMUD