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Mr. Carl Mosher
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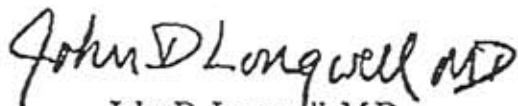
Dear Mr. Mosher:

At the recommendation of its Environmental Health Committee, the Santa Clara County Medical Association first endorsed the South Bay Water Recycling (SBWR) program in August 1997. Our support reflected our judgement that, when treated according to California Department of Health Services standards, recycled water from SBWR is a medically safe and environmentally sound alternative to the use of drinking water for nonpotable purposes such as agricultural and landscape irrigation and industrial cooling and manufacturing.

During the past five years local demand for recycled water has grown to the point that our community now uses an average of 10 million gallons per day during the summer months, and plans are underway to expand the system to further develop this valuable resource. By using non-potable recycled water for appropriate purposes we help protect endangered species, preserve our natural environment and secure an abundant water supply for future generations.

The Santa Clara County Medical Association is pleased to offer our continued support for this important program.

Sincerely,



John D. Longwell, M.D.
President

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