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Mr. William Miks  
Manager  
Palo Alto Regional Water Quality Control Plant  
2501 Embarcadero Way  
Palo Alto, CA 94303

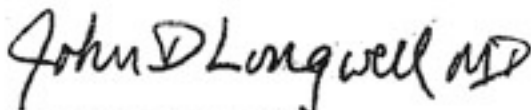
Dear Mr. Miks:

At the recommendation of its Environmental Health Committee, the Santa Clara County Medical Association endorses the Palo Alto Regional Water Quality Control Plant (RWQCP) Water Reuse Program. Our support reflects our judgment that, when treated according to California Department of Health Services standards, recycled water is a medically safe and environmentally sound alternative to the use of drinking water for non-potable 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 endorsement for this important program.

Sincerely,



John D. Longwell, M.D.  
President

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