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July 1, 2022

The Honorable Jesse Gabriel

California State Assembly, District 45

1021 O Street, Room 5220

Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Assembly Member Gabriel:

Jason Gibbs Mayor Pro Tem

Laurene Weste

Mayor

SUBJECT: AB 2142 (GABRIEL): SUPPORT

Marsha McLean Councilmember

On behalf of the City of Santa Clarita (City), I am pleased to express our support for Assembly Bill 2142, establishing the Turf Replacement Water Conservation Program. The Santa Clarita City Council voted unanimously to support this measure at the regular meeting on June 14, 2022.

Bill Miranda Councilmember As the State experiences consecutive years of historically dry conditions, the City supports legislative efforts, like Assembly Bill 2142, which promote water efficiency and investments in water conscious landscaping. As reservoirs and ground water in the State are at dire levels and residents are asked to reduce their water usage, creative incentives to encourage Californians to do their part to mitigate drought conditions is critical.

Cameron Smyth Councilmember

> Locally, the City has taken several steps in water conservation and recycling, including replacing all of our turf landscape medians to drought tolerant landscape amenities. Additionally, the City has proactively installed "purple pipe" irrigation systems to ensure that our landscaped medians and new facilities are ready to utilize recycled water as it becomes available for commercial use.

Moreover, the goal of using recycled water will soon be realized as all landscape operations within a new mixed-use and transit-oriented development, Vista Canyon, will exclusively use reclaimed water produced by the Vista Canyon Recycled Water Plant.

Additionally, in an effort to implement water conservation policies and practices throughout our community, the City completed the replacement of more than 700 irrigation controllers with a state-of-the-art weather-based irrigation controller system in 2011. In the ten years since, the City has collectively conserved more than two billion gallons of water and continues to maintain the largest single deployment of smart-irrigation controllers in the country.



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For these reasons, the City of Santa Clarita supports Assembly Bill 2142. Should you or your staff require any further information regarding our support for Assembly Bill 2142, please feel free to contact Intergovernmental Relations Officer Masis Hagobian at (661) 286-4057 or mhagobian@santa-clarita.com.

Sincerely

Xawrene Weste

Mayor

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