

October 26, 2009

Dear Stakeholder,

Subject: **Invitation to Join Recycled Water Stakeholder Groups**

We would like to invite you to participate in a constructive dialogue on the subject of expanding the recycled water program and its importance in the future of Los Angeles' water supply. The Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) is conducting this effort in collaboration with the City of Los Angeles (City) Department of Public Works, Bureau of Sanitation. The City has safely used recycled water for irrigation and industrial uses for decades. LADWP is currently investigating other safe and creative methods to use recycled water. Recycled water is defined as wastewater that has been highly treated and is approved for beneficial reuse.

We believe that by working closely with stakeholders in the community, we can successfully expand our recycled water program and take an important step to achieve a long-term sustainable supply of water and reduce our dependence on imported water. LADWP partnerships with local communities, including businesses, non-profit and community-based organizations, other water agencies, academia and others, are essential for our collective success.

We are currently in the process of forming two advisory groups: the Recycled Water Advisory Group and the Community Water Roundtable. For each group, we seek a wide range of stakeholders to represent the varied communities and interests within the City. Please take a moment to complete and submit the enclosed *Expression of Interest* form to let us know which one of these two groups best match your availability and interest in this issue.

Recycled Water Advisory Group (RWAG) – For Those Who Seek Intensive Involvement

Members of this group will provide their ideas, input, and concerns regarding recycled water. Participants in this group will commit to attending workshops, tours and other informational sessions over the course of the next three to four years, as recycled water strategies for Los Angeles are framed and implemented. **The first RWAG meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 9, 2009.**

We anticipate 5 to 8 workshops will be held over the next year. Workshops will be 3 to 4 hours in length and will usually be held during regular business hours. In these workshops, the RWAG will have two basic roles:

- Provide input on innovative opportunities to recycle more water in Los Angeles. Discussions will address technical, environmental, financial, and social aspects of recycled water solutions.
- Consider key project issues, such as groundwater replenishment, and discuss implementation challenges and acceptability that may surface during the workshop.

Members of the Recycled Water Advisory Group will be asked to review various materials to prepare for sessions, actively participate on an ongoing basis, ensure continuity of their attendance, and help us inform their organization, company, or agency colleagues regarding major issues and recommendations regarding recycled water in our City.

Community Water Roundtables – For Those Who Seek Periodic Involvement

Members of this group will represent those organizations and individuals who are very interested in water issues and wish to participate on a less intensive but nonetheless ongoing basis. Through several evening or weekend meetings each year within their communities, members will have the opportunity to provide comments, offer suggestions and make observations for consideration by the LADWP. Members also will be asked to inform their organization, company, or agency colleagues regarding the major issues discussed at the Community Water Roundtables.

Please complete and submit the attached form to let us know of your interest and in which of the two groups you would like to participate. If you are unable to participate and know of someone in your organization who would be interested and is available, please ask them to complete and submit the attached form. We seek to engage everyone and afford each interested stakeholder a meaningful role. Completed applications must be received by Friday, November 13, 2009. Respondents will be notified of their selection and next steps for participation thereafter.

To conserve paper and to expedite the selection process, we encourage you to return the completed application by e-mail in PDF format to Serge.Haddad@ladwp.com or by fax to the number below.

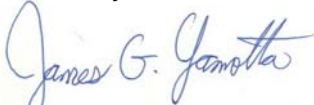
Otherwise, please mail the application to:

Mr. Serge Haddad
Water Recycling Group
Los Angeles Department of Water and Power
433 E. Temple Street, Building 5, Room 103
Los Angeles, CA 90012
Fax: 213-367-6661

Thank you for considering this invitation to participate in a meaningful dialogue on recycled water for Los Angeles. We need your insight and we look forward to working together.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Haddad or my staff at 213-367-8774.

Sincerely,



James G. Yannotta
Assistant Director of Water Resources

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Enclosure



City of Los Angeles
Department of Water and Power

Expression of Interest

To join LADWP Recycled Water Stakeholder Groups

Please complete all 4 sections

Section 1 – Contact information

Section 2 – Select level of participation

Section 3 – Organization information: Size

Section 4 – Organization information: Interests

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Friday 11/13/2009. Faxed or e-mailed responses are encouraged.

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Attention: Mr. Serge Haddad
L.A. Department of Water and Power
433 E. Temple St.
Building 5, Room 103
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Please complete the following information:

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Name/Title _____

Organization _____

Address _____

City/State _____ Zip Code _____

E-mail _____

Day Phone _____

Fax _____

Website _____

City of Los Angeles Resident? Yes No

If so, please indicate within which Council District you reside: _____

In which stakeholder group do you feel you could make a firm commitment to participate?

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Recycled Water ADVISORY GROUP *

Community Water ROUNDTABLE

Neither, but keep me informed

Neither; please remove me from your mailing list

* PLEASE NOTE:
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**Wednesday,
December 9, 2009**

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Please indicate the approximate number of people represented by your organization:

1-50	101-500	1,001–5,000
51-100	501-1,000	More than 5,000

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Which of the following categories best reflect the interest(s) of your organization?
(Please check all that apply)

Specific Issues

Water recycling
Water conservation
Costs
Health and safety
Other: _____

Policy/Institute

Think tank
Academia
Foundation
Private research group
Other: _____

Community Representation

General
Resident association
Ethnic (optional)
 African American
 Asian
 Caucasian
 Native American
 Hispanic
 Other
Religious
Other: _____

Business Interests

General
Chamber of Commerce
Business association
Property development
Economic development
Large corporation
Other: _____

Agency

Drinking water
Wastewater (POTWs)
Recycled water
Stormwater
Regulator
Other: _____

Environmental Interests

General
Water supply
Water recycling
Water quality
Water conservation
Ecosystems
Groundwater
Urban growth
Other: _____

Unions

City Union
Building and Trades
Other: _____

Neighbors of:

Water treatment plant
Reservoirs
Water recharge areas
Other: _____