LOS ANGELES COUNTY
MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

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David W. Pedersen, P.E.
General Manager
Las Virgenes Municipal Water District
4232 Las Virgenes Road
Calabasas, CA 91302

Dear Mr. Pedersen:

On behalf of the Los Angeles County Medical Association (LACMA), we are writing to express our strong support for the Pure Water Project Las Virgenes-Triunfo (PWP). As physicians dedicated to promoting public health and well-being in our community, we recognize the critical importance of ensuring a safe, reliable, and sustainable water supply for our region.

The LACMA understands that the PWP will utilize advanced water treatment technologies, including micro/ultrafiltration, reverse osmosis, and ultraviolet light/advanced oxidation, to produce highly purified water that meets or exceeds all regulatory standards. This multi-step process effectively removes pathogens, pharmaceuticals, personal care products, and other contaminants, resulting in water that is purer than many traditional sources.

We appreciate that the PWP will provide up to 30% of the local water needs, creating a crucial buffer against the uncertainties of climate change and erratic weather patterns. This project aligns with California's mandate for "Conservation as a California Way of Life" and represents a proactive approach to long-term water reliability.

The LACMA recognizes several key benefits of the PWP:

1. Public Health Protection: The advanced treatment process ensures the highest quality of water, safeguarding public health.

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2. Environmental Sustainability: By reducing reliance on imported water, the project helps conserve energy and minimize environmental impacts associated with long-distance water transportation.
3. Drought Resilience: The project provides a local, climate-resistant water source, crucial for maintaining public health during periods of drought.
4. Resource Conservation: Recycling water is an efficient use of our limited resources, aligning with principles of responsible environmental stewardship.

We understand that the PWP water will undergo a total of seven treatment processes, including six months of storage in a reservoir, before distribution. This comprehensive approach provides multiple barriers of protection and allows for thorough monitoring to ensure water quality and safety.

As medical professionals, we appreciate the regulatory oversight of the water industry in California. We are confident in the project's success, as evidenced by the Silicon Valley Advanced Water Purification Center from Valley Water, which has already demonstrated that the same treatment processes to be used in the Pure Water Project Las Virgenes-Triunfo can provide a clean, healthy, reliable, and safe water resource.

The LACMA encourages ongoing public education about the necessity and safety of water reuse. We believe that informed community support is crucial for the success of this important project.

In conclusion, the LACMA fully supports the development and implementation of the Pure Water Project Las Virgenes-Triunfo. We believe this project is essential for ensuring a healthy, reliable, and sustainable water future for our community.

Sincerely,

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