



April 26, 2021

Paul Cook, P.E.
General Manager
Irvine Ranch Water District
15600 Sand Canyon Avenue
Irvine, CA 92618

Re: Syphon Reservoir Improvement Project - Support

Dear Paul,

On behalf of the South Orange County Economic Coalition (Coalition), I am writing in support for the Irvine Ranch Water District's (IRWD) Syphon Reservoir Improvement Project. The project would greatly increase the district's recycled water storage capacity, reducing the need to import more expensive water from outside the region, and would be a great asset to residents and the business community.

As South Orange County's leading voice of business, the South Orange County Economic Coalition is the driving force of advocating for a strong local economy. We focus on four key areas: Advocacy, Education, Representation and Progress for South Orange County issues, initiatives and projects. We support and encourage a streamlined government process. Representing hundreds of employees, SOCEC is an alliance of businesses, community thought-leaders and stakeholders committed to enhancing the region's economic vitality and protecting its exceptional quality of life.

The Syphon Reservoir Improvement Project is a well thought out project that will allow IRWD to store and use more recycled water which thereby reduces the need to import more expensive water from outside the region. Using recycled water for these purposes not only saves money, but it also helps to preserve vital drinking water resources for when we need them most.

In closing, the Syphon Reservoir Improvement Project not only makes economic sense, it also is environmentally sound. For these reasons the South Orange County Economic Coalition is in support of this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Barbara J. Thomas". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Barbara J. Thomas
Executive Director