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LVMWD Board Expresses Support for Proposition 1

(CALABASAS, CA September 15, 2014) At its September 9 meeting, the Las Virgenes Municipal Water District (LVMWD) Board of Directors unanimously passed a resolution expressing support for "The Water Quality, Supply and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014," which will be presented to the state's voters as Proposition 1 on the November ballot.

If approved by voters, the measure would provide \$7.545 billion in bond funding for water projects throughout the state, including \$2.7 billion for new aboveground and sub-surface water storage projects. Additional projects eligible for funding include those for regional water supply reliability, sustainable groundwater management, water recycling, watershed protection and other programs. There are no earmarks for specific projects in the proposal. Instead, applications for funding will be considered based on their merits.

In expressing its support, the LVMWD Board cited "the growing list of challenges associated with aging infrastructure, drought, climate change, population growth and other factors,"

Proposition 1 replaces a larger \$11 billion bond that had been proposed as part of a large legislative package adopted in 2009. Voting on that proposed bond had been deferred due to economic conditions. The new version reflects input from the Legislature and Governor Brown that reduces the amount of borrowing and utilizes unused funds from previously passed bond measures. Information on the bond can be found at the Secretary of State's website:

http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/ballot-measures/qualified-ballot-measures.htm

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The boards of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, the Association of California Water Agencies and several other local water agencies have also expressed support for Proposition 1.

Las Virgenes Municipal Water District provides potable water, recycled water, wastewater treatment services and biosolids composting for some 70,000 residents of Agoura Hills, Calabasas, Hidden Hills, Westlake Village and surrounding unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County.

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EDITOR: See accompanying copy of the LVMWD Resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 2461

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF LAS VIRGENES MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT IN SUPPORT OF THE WATER QUALITY, SUPPLY AND INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2014

WHEREAS, California's water system faces a growing list of challenges associated with aging infrastructure, climate change, population growth and other factors; and

WHEREAS, water managers and top leaders including Governor Brown agree that California needs a comprehensive, statewide water plan to create a more resilient water system and meet the coequal goals of improved water supply reliability and ecosystem health; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature has approved and Governor Brown has signed the Water Quality, Supply and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014, which will appear as Proposition 1 on the November 4 ballot and provide much-needed funding to advance a statewide comprehensive water plan to secure our water future; and

WHEREAS, Las Virgenes Municipal Water District is entirely dependent upon imported resources for its potable water supply and expansion of its recycled water distribution system will maximize the use of a precious local resource; and

WHEREAS, if approved by voters, the measure would provide \$7.545 billion in bond funding for new surface and groundwater storage projects, regional water reliability, sustainable groundwater management and cleanup, water recycling, water conservation, watershed protection and safe drinking water, particularly for disadvantaged communities, and other programs the Association of California Water Agencies and its members have long advocated as a part of a comprehensive statewide plan; and

WHEREAS, the Association of California Water Agencies' Board of Directors voted unanimously to formally support Proposition 1 at a special meeting on August 19, 2014.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of Las Virgenes Municipal Water District expresses its formal support for Proposition 1, the Water Quality, Supply and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014 on the November ballot.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED on September 9, 2014.

Charles Caspary Prosident

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