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**Congresswoman Matsui Introduces Legislation to Provide Federal Funding for Regional Water Recycling Project**

*Legislation would allow Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District to increase its water recycling programs*

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** – Today, Congresswoman Doris Matsui (CA-05) introduced legislation that would allow the Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District (the District) to expand its water recycling programs by making a portion of its recycled water available for environmental or agriculture supply needs.

“As the State of California continues to struggle with the issue of water supply and quality, this legislation will allow the District to leverage federal investment to implement a water recycling project that will deliver benefits to the Delta and our region,” said Congresswoman Matsui. “A variety of approaches will be needed to solve our state’s water problems in a sustainable way that is protective of the Delta and water supply needs of our region. The District’s water recycling project, and this legislation, is key to our success.”

The legislation authored by Congresswoman Matsui will increase the waste water recycling programs of SRCSD for habitat and agricultural purposes. It would authorize the Board of Reclamation to provide up to \$30 million dollars for the District to create a program by making a portion of its recycled water available for environmental or agriculture supply needs.

“The District and the Sacramento community are enthusiastic to have Congresswoman Matsui’s

leadership to address the region's water quality and water supply reliability needs. This legislation represents a vital step in our shared priorities to develop programs and projects that will guarantee a safe and reliable supply of water, working in conjunction with the economic needs of our region," stated Stan Dean, SRCSD District Engineer.

Authorization of the federal funding would be provided under the Bureau of Reclamation's Title XVI water reclamation program, the sole federal program dedicated to the development of supplemental water supplies through water reclamation. Since its inception in the mid-1990s, Title XVI has proven to be a critical program to develop much needed supplemental water supply and safeguard the environment.

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