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Mayor's Support for Water Recycling Pilot Project Applauded by SDCTA

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In a shift from his previously stated position, San Diego Mayor Jerry Sanders expressed support this week for the [Indirect Potable Reuse demonstration](#) project which is in the final stages of approval by the City Council. This news is very important to the continued progress of IPR and for ensuring a reliable, diversified water supply portfolio in San Diego.

Speaking to voiceofsandiego.org reporter Liam Dillon, Mayor Sanders [explained](#), "I support the pilot project. My concern has been and will always be that that water is safe. We're still concerned about the pharmaceutical uses, but I'm certainly not going to quibble with scientists and demagogue this issue. I think that there is some work to be done and I think that we need to find out how it's diluted and how that works in a reservoir system. I think that's important."

The Taxpayers Association is part of a [diverse coalition](#) of 13 organizations including environmentalists, labor leaders, business officials, building managers and engineering professionals, which have all lent their support to this \$11.8 million water recycling pilot project. This unprecedented, growing alliance has without a doubt caught the attention of our elected officials, including Mayor Sanders, and indicates just how critical developing water resources is to everyone in the region.

While this is a significant milestone, we cannot let up on our advocacy efforts. The final vote to begin construction of the demonstration project will come before the City Council this summer.

We are all quick to criticize and slow to compliment our elected officials. On behalf of the Association and its board of directors, I encourage you to personally let [Mayor Sanders](#) know how much his support for the pilot project is appreciated.

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The San Diego County Taxpayers Association is a non-profit, non-partisan organization, dedicated to promoting accountable, cost-effective and efficient government and opposing unnecessary new taxes and fees. Founded in 1945, SDCTA has spent the past 65 years saving the region's taxpayers millions of dollars, as well as generating information to help educate the public.

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