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The Honorable Blanca Rubio
California State Assembly
State Capitol
P.O. Box 942849
Sacramento, CA 94249-0048

**RE: AB 869 (Rubio) Sustainable water use and demand reduction: recycled water.
– SUPPORT AS AMENDED JULY 3rd**

Dear Assembly Member Rubio:

The Association of California Cities – Orange County (ACC-OC) would like to express its support of the proposed legislation Assembly Bill 869 (Rubio). This bill would require the State Water Resources Control Board, in consultation with the Department of Water Resources, to adopt long-term standards for urban water conservation and water use by May 20, 2021. This bill makes water use efficiency a way of life in California, using a common-sense approach.

Existing law declares that policies for water resources of the state be put to beneficial use to the fullest extent of which they are capable, that the waste or unreasonable use or unreasonable method of use of water be prevented, and that the conservation of these waters is to be exercised with a view to the reasonable and beneficial use of the waters in the interest of the people and for the public welfare. Statute also outlines that the use of potable domestic water for certain nonpotable uses is a waste or an unreasonable use of water if recycled water is available, as determined by the State Water Resources Control Board, and other requirements are met.

This bill uses parameters in current law to outline targets such as, requiring the Board and the Department to consider updating the long-term standards for urban water conservation and water use and the commercial, industrial, and institutional performance measures. AB 869 encourages the continued investment in water reuse as a means to increase water supply reliability and diversification within the state.

The well-being of California's cities is of paramount importance to the ACC-OC. For this and the reasons described above, the Association of California Cities – Orange County supports AB 869. Should you have any questions about our position or about the ACC-



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Sincerely,

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