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Water Replenishment District Endorses Prop 4: Critical Investment for Water Resilience in Southern LA County

Lakewood, CA – The Water Replenishment District (WRD) is proud to announce its support for Proposition 4, the Climate Resiliency Bond. As Southern California faces increasing water security challenges, WRD emphasizes the importance of this bond in funding projects that will strengthen our state's water resilience.

Proposition 4, on the ballot for the upcoming election, proposes much-needed investments in California's water infrastructure, including groundwater replenishment, water recycling, and PFAS remediation treatment. For Southern LA County, where WRD manages critical groundwater resources, Prop 4 represents a lifeline for water sustainability and drought resilience.

WRD has a proven track record of leveraging bond funding to develop innovative, sustainable water projects. The agency has successfully used such funding to launch groundbreaking initiatives, such as the Albert Robles Center for Water Recycling and Environmental Learning, which increased water security and significantly reduced the region's dependence on imported water.

WRD's commitment to protecting groundwater resources aligns with the goals of Prop 4, which will help fund vital projects to combat future water shortages and bolster the region's resilience against climate-driven water threats. "Funding provided in the climate bond would provide the essential resources we need to recharge our aquifers, reduce our reliance on imported water, and secure a reliable water supply for our region, even in the face of severe droughts and climate uncertainties," said Joy Langford, President of the WRD Board of Directors.

The bond's commitment to equity and environmental justice is also significant for Southern LA County. Prop 4 will dedicate resources to ensuring that the region's underserved communities have safe, clean, and sustainable water access, even during drought or water scarcity.

For more information on Prop 4, please visit <u>yesonprop4ca.com</u>.

The Water Replenishment District of Southern California is the regional groundwater management agency that protects and preserves the quantity and quality of groundwater for two of the most utilized urban basins in the State of California. The service area is home to over ten percent of California's population residing in 43 cities in southern Los Angeles County. WRD is governed by a publicly elected Board of Directors which includes Joy Langford., Rob Katherman, John D. S. Allen, Sergio Calderon, and Vera Robles-DeWitt.