

February 16, 2007: Sanchez Introduces Bill to Increase Funding for OC Regional Water Reclamation

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OC Regional Water Reclamation Project

On February 16th, Congresswoman Sanchez introduced H.R. 1175, a bill that would amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to increase the ceiling on the Federal share of the costs of phase I of the Orange County, California, Regional Water Reclamation Project.

The project, also known as the Groundwater Replenishment System (GWR) is a water supply project designed to ultimately reuse approximately 140,000 acre-feet per year (afy) of advanced recycled water. The GWR will supplement existing water supplies by providing a new, reliable, high-quality source of water to recharge the Orange County Groundwater Basin and protect it from further degradation due to seawater intrusion.