



*City of  
Encinitas*

Office of  
The Mayor

July 13, 2016

The Honorable Kevin McCarty  
California State Assembly  
State Capitol, Room 2160  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
FAX: (916) 319-2107

*Kristin Gaspar*  
Mayor

**RE: AB 1738 (McCarty) Building standards: dark graywater  
NOTICE OF SUPPORT (as amended 3/28/16)**

*Lisa Shaffer*  
Deputy Mayor

Dear Assembly Member McCarty:

The City of Encinitas supports AB 1738 (McCarty), providing the Department of Housing and Community Development with direction to start planning for the use of dark graywater. Currently, water from kitchen sinks and dishwashers, dark graywater, are not included with graywater recycling. Understanding that dark graywater will require treatment that is not used with graywater, your bill begins looking at this potential source of water. California has repeated drought cycles, and it is good to use our water resources efficiently.

*Catherine S. Blakespear*  
Council Member

San Diego County receives less rain than many other parts of the state. The City of Encinitas has many water saving measures in place, and utilizes graywater extensively in irrigating road medians and parks. The City Council's legislative priorities include the support of legislation that expands, promotes and/or incentivizes water conservation practices and programs. We understand that dark graywater may not work for every jurisdiction, but your bill creates a voluntary program, and will leave the decision at the local level.

*Tony Kranz*  
Council Member

For these reasons, the City of Encinitas supports AB 1738 (McCarty).

Sincerely,

*Mark Muir*  
Council Member

Kristin Gaspar  
Mayor

*Karen P. Brust*  
City Manager

cc: Senator Patricia Bates  
Assembly Member Rocky Chavez  
JGC Government Relations  
Catherine Hill, League of California Cities  
City Council  
Planning & Building Department