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Hon. John Seybert, Chairman  
Members of the Planning Commission  
City of Redwood City  
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Cc: Tom Passanisi

**Subject: Redwood City General Plan – Conservation & Water Supply Elements**

Dear Chairman Seybert and Members of the Planning Commission:

Following are comments on the City's General Plan Conservation and Water Supply Elements from the Seaport Industrial Association (SIA). SIA is a membership organization comprised of the majority of industrial businesses along Seaport Boulevard and Blomquist Street.

**Conservation Element**

As indicated at previous hearings in our oral and written comments, SIA encourages you to include text in this element describing the significant contribution of Redwood City's industrial sector to conservation. In response, staff recommends addressing recycling in the infrastructure element. We support this recommendation and will reiterate these comments at the appropriate time.

At the same time, we suggest that it might also be beneficial to reference the City's commitment to recycling in the conservation element, and to draw a connection between infrastructure and conservation. The purpose of recycling is to conserve natural resources and to reduce waste. Redwood City can take pride in the fact that its port area industrial sector comprises the largest recycling center in the Bay Area. As a matter of policy, the Commission might also want to acknowledge the contribution of industrial recycling to the City's ability to meet its state-mandated landfill diversion targets.

Should you choose to incorporate a statement about recycling, the appropriate location would most likely be page 2 of 22.

### Water Supply Element

SIA supports the City's efforts to promote water conservation and a secure, sustainable water supply. The draft water supply element is a comprehensive set of policies to address these goals. While the General Plan element is necessarily broad enough to guide a range of implementation policies, we offer the following comments.

- The completion of the recycled water system (WS-P1.2) requires regular consultation between the City and future recycled water users, particularly as it approaches the Seaport area and the industrial users whose needs and considerations are quite different from those of residential users. To date, the City and its industrial customers have taken this cooperative approach.
- Both the Planning Commission and City Council emphasized the need to be flexible in the pricing of recycled water based on experience during implementation.
- The draft element's assumptions about development should be closely examined. To the extent that landowners may propose significant development that is not currently identified by the Planning Division, the core assumptions and projections of the element might need to be revisited. It would be helpful for the public to know the assumptions about development that underlie the water supply element, particularly in the Bayfront area.

Thank you for your consideration, and for your work during this important planning process.

Sincerely,

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