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Recycled water can satisfy most water demands, as long as it is adequately treated to ensure water quality appropriate for the use.

The District must make significant, costly upgrades to its wastewater treatment plant to comply with the new DEQ requirements, which will create an enormous financial burden for the citizens within the District.

Our community is experiencing very serious issues created by severe multi-year drought (see attached images).

It is in the best interest of the citizens of Klamath County to utilize the reuse quality water discharges produced by the required expensive infrastructure upgrades to do the most public good for the citizens, local economy, wildlife refuges, and wildlife habitat.

Engineers with West Yost and Associates have estimated the cost of the required pipeline to convey the reuse quality water to areas impacted by the severe multi-year drought to be about \$20 million dollars.

In summary, HB 2765 is a win win win win. A win for the citizens within the District. A win for the environment. A win for wildlife. A win for the wildlife refuge.