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To Whom It May Concern,

This question pertains to the Session 2: Staff Workshop SNPFA Program event hosted on Jan 22, 2021. Roughly a quarter of the way into the Zoom meeting there was a Q&A question pertaining to funding availability for Recommissioning. The process of recommissioning is often overlooked as funding and policy usually focus on the obvious stipulated flow rates provided by manufacturers (i.e., remove/ replace a 3.5gpf with 1.6gpf toilet). In reality, these are benchmarked flow rates based on “perfect world” scenarios and do not consider “real world” conditions (e.g., pressure, waste, venting, slope, etc.). The result of this miscalculation often exceeds 20-30% in unnecessary waste over the manufactures stipulated values and can often lead to structural plumbing failures on older facilities.

The company I represent, HydraMetrics, works with every major ESCO across the U.S. to resolve these issues in just about every vertical market to include k-12 and Higher Ed—our most recent work in California was with LA USD. Unfortunately, California has fallen into this “stipulated” trap in terms of water incentives/ programs in past legislation; however, we would be more than willing to engage with you as the resident expert as to how we can better legislate and maximize water conservation on the SNPFA Program.

Please let me know if this is something of interest and perhaps we can schedule a call to discuss the recommissioning process in further detail.

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