



December 7, 2020

Chairwoman Gloria Gray
 The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
 700 N. Alameda Street
 Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Chairwoman Gray:

On behalf of the above business organizations in the Inland Empire, we are writing in strong support of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (Metropolitan) funding of the state's environmental review and planning process for the single-tunnel Delta conveyance project, our best source of reliable, high-quality and affordable water. The recommended funding share ensures the environmental review is advanced and necessary planning can proceed.

California's ability to address its water needs and our region's ability to manage its water supplies efficiently are key determinants in the Inland Empire's economic prosperity. It is critical for our region to actively support public policies that will ensure the long-term reliability of water supplies. Nearly one-third of Southern California's water supply comes from the Sierra Nevada. This resource provides the backbone water supply for about 29

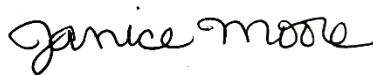
million people statewide, millions of acres of farmland, Southern California's \$1.6 trillion economy and our environment. Modernizing the aging system that delivers this water is vitally important. It will help ensure we are better prepared for the effects of climate change and earthquakes, and bring greater resilience to the Delta waterways and its ecosystem.

This is not an either/or situation; it is a both/and situation. Southern California is working diligently to reduce its reliance on the Delta. The Delta conveyance project is one of many steps we must take to ensure the region's water resiliency. Southern California is doing its part – actively diversifying its portfolio by developing local projects and investing in water efficiency. Still, the success of these local projects, including recycling projects, depends on a reliable supply of the higher quality water from Northern California.

Governor Newsom's Water Resilience Portfolio prioritizes a one-tunnel Delta conveyance system as essential to ensuring reliable water for generations to come. We continue to support efforts that advance this project because Southern California depends on the reliability the proposed Delta project will provide. With our largest and most affordable supply at risk, Metropolitan needs to provide funding now, ensuring the project continues to move forward with needed environmental planning and permitting work so that an informed decision on the project itself can be made in the future.

We urge Metropolitan's Board of Directors to help fund the environmental review and planning process for the project. Thank you for your consideration.

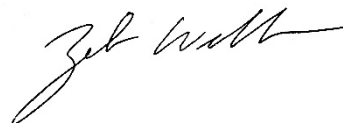
Sincerely,



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