



THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT
OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

February 24, 2022

The Honorable Toni Atkins
President pro Tempore
California State Senate
State Capitol, Room 205
Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable Anthony Rendon
Speaker, California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 219
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED pursuant to Section 124.5 of the Metropolitan Water District Act (Stats. 1984, ch. 271)

Dear Senator Atkins and Speaker Rendon:

The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (Metropolitan) Board of Directors will hold a public hearing to consider the applicability of Section 124.5 of the Metropolitan Water District Act (Stats. 1984, ch. 271). Section 124.5 limited Metropolitan's property tax rates beginning in fiscal year 1990/91 to collect an amount sufficient to pay Metropolitan's general obligation bonds and its portion of the Burns Porter bonds. However, Section 124.5 also provides that its limitations "do not apply" if the Metropolitan Board determines, following a hearing and written notice of the hearing to the Legislature, that a tax rate in excess of the restriction is essential to Metropolitan's fiscal integrity. Pursuant to the Legislature's authorization, the Metropolitan Board will hold a public hearing to determine the applicability of Section 124.5.

The hearing will be held on Tuesday, March 8, 2022, at 12:00 p.m. in the Board Room of Metropolitan's headquarters building at 700 North Alameda Street, Los Angeles, California and via Zoom online. The Board will receive comments on the recommendation that it is essential to fiscal integrity to collect a tax rate beyond the Section 124.5 limitations. Such a finding will allow Metropolitan to set the ad valorem tax rate in excess of the Section 124.5 limit for fiscal years 2022/23 through 2025/26. Public comments are encouraged.

Notice of this public hearing is provided to you pursuant to Section 124.5. The agenda for the Board meeting and information about the recommendations will be posted on Metropolitan's web page at <https://mwdh2o.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>. You may also request additional information from me at (213) 217-7011.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rosa Castro".

Rosa Castro
Board Administrator