



Sacramento Legislative Office

July 12, 2020

The Honorable Ben Allen, Chair
Senate Environmental Quality Committee
State Capitol, Room 2205
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 3039 (Quirk): Underground storage tanks: small business loan and grant program –
SUPPORT

Senate Environmental Quality Committee

Dear Senator Allen:

On behalf of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (Metropolitan), I am pleased to support AB 3039, as amended on July 2, 2020, that would extend the operation date of the Underground Storage Tank Cleanup Fund loan and grant program from January 1, 2022 to January 1, 2026.

Metropolitan wholesales water to 26 member agencies who serve 19 million people across six counties in Southern California. The Underground Storage Tank Cleanup Fund is an important funding mechanism to fix or replace leaky underground storage tanks. In our region, thanks to the program, numerous leaky underground storage tanks were remediated to prevent MTBE and other gasoline additives from contaminating groundwater supplies.

Assembly Bill 3039 would continue efforts to protect groundwater basins designated as public drinking water supplies from pollutants that can leak from old storage tanks. For these reasons, Metropolitan supports AB 3039. If you have any questions about our cyclic storage program or our position, please contact me at (916) 650-2614 or kviatella@mwdh2o.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kathy C. Viatella".

Kathy C. Viatella
Executive Legislative Representative

cc: Assembly Member Bill Quirk
Members of the Senate Environmental Quality Committee
Gabrielle Meindl, Consultant, Senate Environmental Quality Committee
Scott Seekatz, Consultant, Senate Republican Caucus