



*Sacramento Legislative Office*

August 5, 2020

The Honorable Anthony Portantino  
Chair, Senate Appropriations Committee  
State Capitol, Room 3086  
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 1071 (Limón): Climate change: Agricultural Climate Adaptation Tools Program: grants  
(Amended January 27, 2020)  
Senate Appropriations Committee -- **SUPPORT**

Dear Senator Portantino:

On behalf of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (Metropolitan), I am pleased to relay our support for your Assembly Bill 1071 that authorizes the Department of Food and Agriculture to implement a competitive grant program to support new planning tools and pilot projects to help agriculture adapt to climate change impacts in the Central Valley, Central Coast, and desert regions where warmer temperatures and longer dry spells create more risk for farmers.

Metropolitan has long supported research into the changing effects of climate change on water supply and quality. Assembly Bill 1071 would create grant funding to improve, develop and promote innovative climate adaptation technologies and support on-farm, science-based strategies and tools that benefit farmers and the environment by restoring healthy soils, conserving water, and sequestering carbon. As a large landholder, Metropolitan manages more than 48,000 acres in the Bay Delta and the Palo Verde Valley that could benefit from having access to new tools and knowledge to advance climate-resilient agricultural practices.

For these reasons, Metropolitan is pleased to support of your AB 1071. Should you have any questions regarding our position or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (916) 650-2614 or at [kviatella@mwdh2o.com](mailto:kviatella@mwdh2o.com).

Sincerely,

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

Kathy C. Viatella  
Executive Legislative Representative

cc: Assembly Member Monique Limón  
Members of the Senate Appropriations Committee  
Ashley Ames, Consultant, Senate Appropriations Committee  
Emilye Reeb, Consultant, Senate Republican Caucus