



July 7, 2022

The Honorable Anthony Portantino, Chair
Senate Appropriations Committee
State Capitol, Room 412
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 2247 (Bloom): Perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) and PFAS products and product components: publicly accessible reporting platform – **As Amended 5/19/22 - SUPPORT**

Senate Appropriations Committee – August 1, 2022

Dear Senator Portantino:

On behalf of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (Metropolitan), I am pleased to relay our support for Assembly Bill 2247, as authored by Assembly Member Bloom, which would require manufacturers of PFAS or products containing intentionally added PFAS to annually register those products on a publicly accessible reporting platform created by the Department of Toxic and Substances Control and The Interstate Chemicals Clearinghouse by July 1, 2025.

The issue of PFAS in drinking water supplies is of growing concern in southern California - including many of Metropolitan's member agencies and other retail water and groundwater management agencies within our region. Hundreds of groundwater wells in southern California are currently under scrutiny for PFAS contamination with the full extent of the problem still evolving. Some water agencies have detected two PFAS—perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) and perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS)—above notification and response levels which has led these agencies to remove impacted water supplies from service and/or invest in costly treatment.

PFAS can enter source waters through landfills, treated wastewater discharge, or where chemicals were used in manufacturing or for industrial uses. Because PFAS does not break down and are resilient, they can accumulate and lead to elevated levels in groundwater near those sites. Once in groundwater, PFAS are easily transported long distances and can contaminate drinking water wells. PFAS can also get into source waters when products containing them are used or spilled onto the ground or into lakes and rivers used for drinking water. State and federal regulatory actions for PFAS continue to progress, moving towards strict standards to ensure public health protection. At the same time, the state is investigating the sources of PFAS with a focus on water and wastewater. While progress is being made towards identifying pathways that PFAS enter our environment, better information on products that contain PFAS will help the state with efforts to control PFAS contamination at its source.

We have been in contact with the author and co-sponsors of AB 2247 and they have been receptive to our comments that are now reflected in the May 19 amendments that use the term “intentionally added

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PFAS". For the reasons noted above, we respectfully urge an "aye" vote on AB 2247 when it is before the Senate Appropriations Committee.

If you have any questions or comments regarding Metropolitan's position, please do not hesitate to contact me at kviatella@mwdh2o.com or (916) 650-2614.

Sincerely,



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