



THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT  
OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

*Office of the General Manager*

February 16, 2021

The Honorable Grace Napolitano  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1610 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

**RE: H.R. 1015, the Water Recycling and Investment Improvement Act- SUPPORT**

Dear Representative Napolitano:

The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (Metropolitan) supports H.R. 1015, the Water Recycling and Investment Improvement Act. Your leadership on water recycling issues and continued advocacy for the Bureau of Reclamation water recycling program is greatly appreciated.

Metropolitan is a regional wholesaler that provides water for 26 member agencies to deliver - either directly or through their sub-agencies - to nearly 19 million people living in Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego and Ventura counties. Many of our member agencies receive funding from the Bureau of Reclamations water recycling and the 10-fold increase in funding authorized in this bill would enable many more water recycling projects to move forward.

This timely and thoughtful legislation, if enacted, would authorize an increase in funding for Bureau of Reclamation's Title XVI water recycling grant program to \$500 million, prevent the program from sunsetting at the end of this year, increase the federal cost share to \$30 million, and remove the requirements for projects to be in drought or disaster areas and to be specifically named in legislation. Metropolitan supports these policy changes.

It is our hope that H.R. 1015 will advance this Congress. As always, Metropolitan stands at the ready to be a resource to you and your staff as this important legislation moves forward.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Kightlinger".

Jeffrey Kightlinger  
General Manager