



November 30, 2020

Chairwoman Gloria Gray
The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
700 N. Alameda Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: MWD Funding for Delta Conveyance Planning & Environmental Review - SUPPORT

Dear Chairwoman Gray,

Established in 1924, Central City Association (CCA) is committed to advancing policies and projects that enhance Downtown Los Angeles' (DTLA) vibrancy and increase investment in the region. We are a membership organization representing approximately 300 members including businesses, nonprofits and trade associations that have played a leading role in transforming DTLA from an office district into a dynamic mixed-use 24/7 urban environment. We know that a safe, reliable water supply for generations to come will have a lasting impact on our region. That is why we remain invested in the planning and environmental review process for the Delta conveyance project.

We strongly support Metropolitan's funding contribution for the state's environmental review and planning process for the single-tunnel Delta conveyance project and request the Board of Directors to approve the recommended funding allocation. Approving the recommended funding share will ensure that necessary environmental review and planning can proceed. Our state's water resiliency is paramount and must be based on thorough study and analysis. While the Delta conveyance system is just one of the important components to ensuring a sustainable water supply for the Southern California region, planning must inform future decision-making about whether and how to advance the single-tunnel conveyance system.

Los Angeles and Southern California more broadly must have high-quality and reliable water infrastructure. It encourages the retention of institutions and businesses, while also supporting our region's robust tourism industry. At the same time, strong water infrastructure promotes livability for the four million people that call the city of Los Angeles home.

We encourage the Board of Directors to help fund the environmental review and planning process for this project. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J Lall", is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Jessica Lall
President & CEO,
Central City Association of Los Angeles