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The Honorable Gloria Gray, Chair
Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
700 North Alameda Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

RE: Support for Funding the Delta Conveyance Project

Dear Chairwoman Gray and Board Members:

On behalf of El Segundo Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and our Government and Military Affairs Committee, we are writing in support of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) continued funding of the state's environmental review and planning process for the Delta conveyance project.

Water received from the State Water Project (SWP) is our community's best source of reliable, high-quality and affordable water. Modernizing the aging SWP system that delivers this water is vitally important. It will help ensure we are better prepared for the effects of climate change and earthquakes and bring greater resilience to the Delta waterways and its ecosystem.

For our business community, this is not an either-or situation; it is an all the above solution. We are working diligently to reduce its reliance on the Delta. The Delta conveyance project is one of many steps we must take to ensure the region's water resiliency. All Southern California is doing its part – actively diversifying its portfolio by developing local projects and investing in water efficiency.

Additionally, Governor Newsom's Water Resilience Portfolio prioritizes a one-tunnel Delta conveyance system as essential to ensuring reliable water for generations to come. We continue to support efforts that advance this project because Southern California depends on the reliability the proposed Delta project will provide.

The El Segundo business community urges the Metropolitan's Board of Directors to move forward in funding the environmental review and planning process for the Delta conveyance project.

Thank you for your leadership and consideration of this important business issue.

Sincerely,

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