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Chairwoman Gloria D. Gray
Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
700 North Alameda Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

RE: SUPPORT Item 7-4: Delta Conveyance Project Funding

Dear Chairwoman Gray and Board Members:

The Engineering Contractors' Association (ECA) is a non-profit, trade association focused on its members acting as a collective influence in the construction industry in matters of labor relations, government relations, legislative interests and public relations. And, on behalf of our membership, we would like to express our support of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California's (MWD) continued efforts to fund the state's environmental review and planning process for the Delta conveyance project.

The State Water Project (SWP) supplies are Southern California's best source of reliable, high-quality and affordable water. Modernizing the aging SWP system that delivers this water is vital; 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.

Our contractors believe in an "all the above" solution to meet our water infrastructure needs. The Delta conveyance project is one of many steps we must take to ensure the region's water resiliency. Businesses are doing their part to actively diversifying their water dependence by developing local projects and investing in water efficiency.

Governor Newsom's Water Resilience Portfolio prioritizes a one-tunnel Delta conveyance system as essential to ensuring reliable water for generations to come. To that end, the construction industry continues to support efforts that advance this project today and into the future. Reliable water for Southern California hinges on the successful operation that the proposed Delta project will provide.

For the many reasons outlined in this letter, we urge 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 continued leadership on this critical item.

Sincerely,

Ray M. Baca
Executive Director