



November 30, 2020

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

Subject: Delta Conveyance Project – Support

Dear Chairwoman Gray:

The Long Beach Area Chamber of Commerce is writing in support of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California for their continued support and funding of the State's environmental review and planning process for the Delta conveyance project.

The State Water Project (SWP) supplies are the South Bay'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 the greater Long Beach 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. Locally, Long Beach businesses continue to find ways to do their part – along with our local water agency – by actively diversifying its portfolio 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. The Chamber continues to support efforts that advance this project because Long Beach today and into the future depends on the reliability the proposed Delta project will provide. The Chamber 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 continued leadership in this important business matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeremy Harris". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Jeremy Harris
President/CEO
Long Beach Area Chamber of Commerce