



THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT
OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

August 26, 2022

The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor, State of California
1021 O Street, Suite 9000
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 1845 (Calderon): Metropolitan Water District of Southern California: alternative project delivery methods – **REQUEST FOR SIGNATURE**

Dear Governor Newsom:

On behalf of The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (Metropolitan), I respectfully request your signature on AB 1845 by Assembly Member Calderon. The bill would authorize Metropolitan to use alternative project delivery methods for the design and construction of water infrastructure projects.

As the regional wholesaler of water, Metropolitan and our 26 member agencies share a promise to deliver reliable and high-quality water to Southern California's businesses and 19 million people. Today, that promise is challenged as parts of our service area have been impacted more significantly than others by historic dry conditions and State Water Project supply shortages.

Assembly Bill 1845 will help solve this problem by authorizing Metropolitan to use design-build, progressive design build and construction manager/general contractor delivery methods for a limited set of drought-response projects and Pure Water Southern California, our regional recycled water program. Metropolitan plans to upgrade our regional distribution infrastructure to allow up to 116,000 acre-feet of water from other sources to move into parts of the service areas dependent on shrinking State Water Project supplies. In addition, we are partnering with Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts on Pure Water Southern California that could produce up to 150 million gallons of treated wastewater a day, enough for 500,000 homes. A new local source of water on this scale would be transformative and help alleviate the demand for imported water from the Colorado River and State Water Project.

The efficient and timely delivery of these projects is critically important to Southern California's water agencies and our customers. Alternative delivery methods not only have the potential to lower overall project costs and help develop earlier cost certainty, which will save Southern California ratepayers money, they will accelerate our efforts to adapt to a hotter and drier future.

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For the above reasons, we respectfully request you sign AB 1845 into law. If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Kathy Viatella in Metropolitan's Sacramento Office at kviatella@mwdh2o.com or (916) 650-2614. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Adel Hagekhalil', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Adel Hagekhalil
General Manager

cc: Assembly Member Lisa Calderon