



THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT
OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Office of the General Manager

May 24, 2023

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
United States Senate
331 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

**Re: The Support To Rehydrate the Environment, Agriculture, and Municipalities Act or
STREAM Act - SUPPORT**

Dear Senator Feinstein:

The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (Metropolitan) is pleased to support your draft "Support to Rehydrate the Environment, Agriculture, and Municipalities Act (STREAM Act)" and looks forward to its introduction. Metropolitan is a regional wholesaler that provides water for our 26 member agencies to deliver, either directly or through their sub-agencies, to the approximately 19 million people living in Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego and Ventura counties.

This legislation comes at a critical juncture for California's water managers as we work to replenish our depleted reservoirs and groundwater basins following three years of drought and alleviate the risk of flooding caused by this year's record-breaking rain and snow. The STREAM Act helps address these challenges by authorizing funding for surface and groundwater storage projects, as well as water recycling, desalination, and ecosystem restoration projects. It will help water managers adjust to climate whiplash and manage our water resources through increasingly variable conditions.

Your leadership and continued work to address California's numerous water challenges is greatly appreciated. Please let us know if there is additional assistance your office needs. We look forward to working with you and your staff to advance this bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adel Hagekhalil".

Adel Hagekhalil
General Manager