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The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor, State of California
1021 O Street, Suite 9000
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RE: AB 1845 (Calderon): Metropolitan Water District of Southern California: alternative project delivery methods – **REQUEST FOR SIGNATURE**

Dear Governor Newsom:

On behalf of the signatories noted below, we respectfully request your signature on AB 1845 by Assembly Member Calderon to authorize The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (Metropolitan) to use alternative project delivery methods for the design and construction of a select number of water infrastructure projects.

Metropolitan wholesales water to 26 member agencies that in turn supply water to 19 million Californians across Ventura, Los Angeles, Orange, San Diego, San Bernardino, and Riverside counties. Metropolitan and its member agencies share a promise to deliver reliable and high-quality water to Southern California's businesses and households. Today, that promise is challenged as parts of Metropolitan's service area have been impacted more significantly than others by historic dry conditions and State Water Project supply shortages.

Assembly Bill 1845 would help solve this problem by giving Metropolitan the ability 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, a regional recycled water project. Currently, Metropolitan is limited to traditional design-bid-build model for the delivery of public works construction contracts. This model can be inefficient and inflexible for large, time-sensitive, and complex projects. New contracting methods, like those authorized in the bill, would accelerate project delivery, and allow Metropolitan to advance these important projects in a more expeditious and efficient manner. In addition, these methods can lower overall design and construction costs and provide earlier cost certainty, which could save Southern California ratepayers money.

Metropolitan plans to undertake a select number of drought mitigation projects that will upgrade regional distribution infrastructure and 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. At the same time, the Pure Water Southern California project in partnership with Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts 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 the State Water Project. The efficient and timely delivery of these projects is critically important so Metropolitan can continue to provide reliable and high-quality water for the region as we adapt to a hotter and drier future.

For all the above these reasons, your signature on AB 1845 is respectfully requested. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Kathy Viatella in Metropolitan's Sacramento Office at kviatella@mwdh2o.com or (916) 650-2614. Thank you for your consideration.

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