



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, DC 20510

RE: The Canal Conveyance Restoration Act - SUPPORT

Dear Senator Feinstein:

The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (Metropolitan) is pleased to support the draft Canal Conveyance Restoration 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.

The Canal Conveyance Restoration Act authorizes federal funding for three major projects to repair California's water delivery systems, including the California Aqueduct. The California Aqueduct is a critical part of the State Water Project (SWP) that provides approximately 25% of Metropolitan's water supply. Subsidence has reduced the capacity of the aqueduct to carry water and increased the pumping costs to operate the SWP. The federal funding authorized in this bill, in conjunction with matching state and local funding, will restore the carrying capacity of California's water delivery system.

Thank you for your consistent and effective leadership on water issues. Your tireless efforts in pursuit of water supply reliability continue to contribute to a thriving, vibrant California.

Sincerely,

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

Adel Hagekhalil
General Manager