



June 28, 2024

The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor
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The Honorable Mike McGuire
Senate President Pro Tem
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The Honorable Robert Rivas
Assembly Speaker
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The Honorable Ben Allen
Senator
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The Honorable Eduardo Garcia
Assemblymember
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Re: Support More Funding for Climate Resilient Water Infrastructure.

Dear Governor Newsom, Pro Tem McGuire, Speaker Rivas, Senator Allen and Assemblymember Garcia:

On behalf of the undersigned organizations, we urge the Legislature to increase funding for water infrastructure as part of the final climate bond. Water infrastructure serves as a critical foundation to our broader climate resilience goals, and it is essential that access to sustainable water supplies is a higher priority.

Climate change has created significant instability in water supplies, making it critical that we invest in a portfolio of solutions to ensure water resilience as we respond to weather volatility.

Polling for a 2024 climate bond has shown that voters support funding connected to access to safe drinking water and water infrastructure is the foundation of reliable water supplies.

Affordability continues to be a challenge for many water systems. Many Californians are facing rate increases in the coming years. Increasing water treatment costs for compliance with new standards, incrementally more expensive water supplies, and escalating energy costs are all putting pressure on the cost of water service for customers.

We Urge the Legislature to Support More Funding for Water Infrastructure

We appreciate your leadership in advancing a climate bond this session. Should you have any questions, please contact Metropolitan's Executive Legislative Representative, Jay Jefferson, at (916) 538-4663, or via email at jjeffersonii@mwdh2o.com.

Sincerely,

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