



THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT
OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

September 1, 2022

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

RE: AB 211 (Committee on Budget): Public Resources trailer bill - **REQUEST FOR SIGNATURE**

Dear Governor Newsom:

On behalf of The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (Metropolitan), I would like to thank your Administration and the Legislature for the allocation of the remaining water and drought resilience funding in the budget. The Public Resources trailer bill AB 211 (Committee on Budget) will provide essential funding for our drought emergency mitigation projects as well as funding for recycled water, treatment for per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances, and for multi-benefit projects and programs that support aquatic habitat and drought resilience.

Earlier this year, Metropolitan's Board of Directors authorized staff to begin work on a set of drought emergency mitigation projects to move locally stored water to parts of our service area that are dependent on the State Water Project and have had to drastically reduce their water use given their limited access to alternative supplies. The \$50 million for Metropolitan is greatly appreciated as it will help advance these emergency projects which will improve and expand our infrastructure making our region more resilient to fluctuating water supplies from each of our imported sources due to climate change.

We thank you very much for the support for Metropolitan and we respectfully request your signature on AB 211 (Committee on Budget). Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at AdelH@mwdh2o.com or Kathy Viatella in our Sacramento office at kviatella@mwdh2o.com.

Sincerely,

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

Adel Hagekhalil
General Manager

cc: The Honorable Philip Ting, Chair, Assembly Budget Committee
The Honorable Nancy Skinner, Chair, Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee
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