



THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT
OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

August 31, 2022

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

RE: SB 1065 (Eggman): California Abandoned and Derelict Commercial Vessel Program –
REQUEST FOR SIGNATURE

Dear Governor Newsom:

On behalf of The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (Metropolitan), I am respectfully requesting your signature for SB 1065 (Eggman), which would safely and efficiently remove abandoned commercial and derelict vessels to keep our state's waterways clean and clear.

Metropolitan supports efforts that provide source water protection. Abandoned and derelict vessels may cause sewage contamination and leakage of fuels and lubricants. Senate Bill 1065 will benefit water quality in the Bay Delta by identifying, prioritizing, and funding the removal of abandoned and derelict commercial vessels from commercially navigable waters of the state. Studies have shown that abandoned and derelict vessels are one of the stressors to the Delta and its species. Senate Bill 1065 would also provide protection to Metropolitan properties in the Delta in the event any vessel happens to be abandoned in any of the waters surrounding Metropolitan's Delta Islands.

For these reasons, we respectfully request that you sign SB 1065 into law. Should you have any questions regarding our position, please feel free to contact Kathy Viatella in our Sacramento Office at kviatella@mwdh2o.com or (916) 650-2614.

Sincerely,

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

Adel Hagekhalil
General Manager

cc: Senator Susan Talamantes Eggman