



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: AB 2247 (Bloom): Perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) and PFAS products and product components: publicly accessible reporting platform – **REQUEST FOR SIGNATURE**

Dear Governor Newsom:

On behalf of The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (Metropolitan), I would like to respectfully request your signature for Assembly Bill 2247 (Bloom) which would require manufacturers of PFAS or products containing intentionally added PFAS to annually register those products on a publicly accessible reporting platform created by the Department of Toxic and Substances Control by July 1, 2026.

The issue of PFAS in drinking water supplies is of growing concern in southern California - including many of Metropolitan's member agencies and other retail water and groundwater management agencies within our region. Hundreds of groundwater wells in southern California are currently under scrutiny for PFAS contamination with the full extent of the problem still evolving. Some water agencies have detected two PFAS—perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) and perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS)—above notification and response levels which has led these agencies to remove impacted water supplies from service and/or invest in costly treatment.

PFAS can enter source waters through landfills, treated wastewater discharge, or where chemicals were used in manufacturing or for industrial uses. Because PFAS does not break down and are resilient, they can accumulate and lead to elevated levels in groundwater near those sites. Once in groundwater, PFAS are easily transported long distances and can contaminate drinking water wells. PFAS can also get into source waters when products containing them are used or spilled onto the ground or into lakes and rivers used for drinking water. State and federal regulatory actions for PFAS continue to progress, moving towards strict standards to ensure public health protection. At the same time, the state is investigating the sources of PFAS with a focus on water and wastewater. While progress is being made towards identifying pathways that PFAS enter our environment, better information on products that contain PFAS will help the state with efforts to control PFAS contamination at its source.

For the reasons noted above, we respectfully request that you sign AB 2247 into law. If you have any questions or comments regarding Metropolitan's position, please do not hesitate 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: Assembly Member Richard Bloom