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Gloria D. Gray, Chairwoman
Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
700 North Alameda Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

RE: SUPPORT: Delta Conveyance Project Funding

Dear Chairwoman Gray and Board Members:

The Torrance Chamber of Commerce is writing in support of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD of SC) continued support and funding of the state's environmental review and planning process for the Delta conveyance project. Founded in 1913, the Chamber leads the way as the premier business organization in the Los Angeles South Bay, with members spanning all industries.

The State Water Project (SWP) supplies are the South Bay's best source of reliable, high-quality and affordable water. Modernizing the aging SWP system that delivers this water is vitally important. It will help ensure we are better prepared for the effects of climate change and earthquakes and bring greater resilience to the Delta waterways and its ecosystem.

For the greater business community, this is not an either-or situation; it is an all the above solution. We are working diligently to reduce its reliance on the Delta. The Delta conveyance project is one of many steps we must take to ensure the region's water resiliency. All businesses are doing their part – actively diversifying its portfolio by developing local projects and investing in water efficiency.

Governor Newsom's Water Resilience Portfolio prioritizes a one-tunnel Delta conveyance system as essential to ensuring reliable water for generations to come. The Chamber continues to support efforts that advance this project because Long Beach today and into the future depends on the reliability the proposed Delta project will provide.

The Chamber and its general membership urges the Metropolitan's Board of Directors to move forward in funding the environmental review and planning process for the Delta conveyance project.

Thank you for your continued leadership to this important business matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Donna'.

Donna Duperron, President & CEO
Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce