

Office of the Board of Directors

June 13, 2017

Director Michael T. Hogan Director Keith Lewinger Director Elsa Saxod Director Fern Steiner San Diego County Water Authority 4677 Overland Avenue San Diego, California 92123

Dear Directors Hogan, Lewinger, Saxod, and Steiner:

San Diego County Water Authority letter dated June 9, 2017 regarding California WaterFix Board Review Request for Adequate Time to Review and Distribute Information

Thank you for your letter dated June 9, 2017 regarding Metropolitan's review of the California WaterFix project leading up to a Board decision on the matter.

As currently proposed, staff has laid out a process with white papers, multiple committee hearings, a full workshop and eventual Board action over a 10-week period. The San Diego County Water Authority is requesting that another month be added to the review process.

I can certainly appreciate the desire for sufficient time to thoroughly analyze this important matter before action. I am also cognizant that we have been funding the analysis for the past eight years, and have had numerous briefings on all these issues at our Bay-Delta Committee. I want to strike a balance between the need to ensure that Board members have adequate information to make a well-informed decision and the need to act on this matter in a timely manner without allowing information to get stale.

Before moving the proposed September Board decision date, I want to see how the process unfolds over the next months and consult with the chairs of the Bay-Delta Committee and the Water and Planning Stewardship Committee. I will also be asking staff to consider other options such as getting white papers out for review earlier and/or having Special Board Meetings or workshops outside of the normal Board schedule.

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Thanks again for your letter. We will be discussing the schedule and options at upcoming meetings.

Sincerely,

Chairman of the Board

cc: Secretary John Laird Metropolitan Board of Directors San Diego County Water Authority Board of Directors Jeffrey Kightlinger, General Manager