



THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT  
OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

*Office of the General Manager*

June 2, 2020

The Honorable Jim Costa  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2081 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable TJ Cox  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1728 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable John Garamendi  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2368 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Josh Harder  
U.S. House of Representatives  
131 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

RE: H.R. 5752, the Conveyance Capacity Correction Act - SUPPORT

Dear Representatives Costa, Cox, Garamendi and Harder:

The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (Metropolitan) is pleased to support H.R. 5752, the Conveyance Capacity Correction Act, and thanks you for your leadership on this issue.

Metropolitan is the regional wholesale water provider for the six-county, 5,200 square mile region of Southern California serving about 19 million people through its 26 member agencies and their retail providers. Metropolitan supplies roughly 30 percent of the region's water supply from the State Water Project (SWP). The California Aqueduct, a critical part of the SWP that carries water from the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta to Southern California, has suffered a reduction in capacity as a result of land subsidence along the aqueduct. In addition to lost capacity, continued subsidence will increase pumping costs to operate the project.

H.R. 5752, the Conveyance Capacity Correction Act, authorizes \$400 million to help repair the Delta-Mendota Canal and the California Aqueduct. Both groundwater overdraft and drought have contributed to subsidence and federal support is needed to restore the capacity of California's water delivery systems.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to resolve California's water challenges and address the impacts of subsidence on the Central Valley and those of us that rely on the State Water Project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeffrey Kightlinger".

Jeffrey Kightlinger  
General Manager

cc: The Honorable Dianne Feinstein, The Honorable Kamala Harris  
Southern California Congressional Delegation