



Sacramento Legislative Office

March 16, 2020

The Honorable Richard Pan
Senator, Sixth District
State Capitol, Room 5114
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: SB 946: Local Flood Protection Planning: local flood protection plans – **SUPPORT**
Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee – March 24, 2020

Dear Senator Pan:

On behalf of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, I would like to convey our support for Senate Bill 946 that seeks to codify support of the Yolo Bypass Partnership and its efforts to advance coordinated master planning and accelerate restoration activities for the Yolo Bypass-Cache Slough region.

As an active participant in ecosystem restoration efforts in the Yolo Bypass-Cache Slough, Metropolitan recognizes the value of master planning to coordinate a shared vision to restore and protect the many values associated with this iconic landscape. A master plan for Yolo Bypass-Cache Slough would advance projects that enhance the ecosystem, protect agriculture, and improve flood protection, among other values. Master planning would also encourage state and federal agencies to coordinate regulatory compliance and funding for ongoing operations and maintenance of flood control and water systems.

Metropolitan recently testified at a congressional roundtable and urged the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to help advance multi-benefit projects in the Bypass. SB 946 echoes this need. We need to work arm in arm with local landowners and governments as well as our state and federal agencies on a common vision that is in every stakeholders' interest.

Should you have questions about Metropolitan's involvement in the Yolo Bypass or our position on your bill, please contact me at kviatella@mwdh2o.com or (916) 650-2614.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathryn C. Viatella".

Kathryn C. Viatella
Executive Legislative Representative

cc: Members of the Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee
Dennis O'Connor, Chief Consultant, Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee
Todd Moffitt, Policy Consultant, Senate Republican Caucus