



Sacramento Legislative Office

June 6, 2019

The Honorable Laura Friedman
Member, California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 2137
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 1180 (Friedman): Water: recycled water (Amended on March 28, 2019)
SUPPORT

Dear Assembly Member Friedman:

On behalf of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, I am pleased to relay our support for your Assembly Bill 1180.

The use of recycled water is an important tool for California to ensure water supply reliability and to manage and optimize available supplies. Your AB 1180 helps increase the use and accessibility of recycled water. AB 1180 will require the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) to update the uniform statewide criteria for non-potable recycled water uses by January 1, 2023, contingent upon legislative appropriation. Your measure will also require the SWRCB, if it adopts standards for backflow protection and cross connection control through the adoption of a policy handbook, to include provisions for the use of a swivel or change-over device for dual-plumbed systems.

Metropolitan believes the proposed inclusion allowing a swivel or change-over device is a way to safely reduce the costs and complexity of establishing a dual plumbed facility. The swivel or change-over device ensures that either recycled water or potable supplies are not accessible at the same time. Yet, not all local health departments require such devices. As California moves towards increasing recycled water use, the swivel or change-over device plays an important public health function in limiting the potential of cross connection between recycled water and potable water supplies.

AB 1180 will result in more efficient dual-plumbed facilities and will also safely expand the use of recycled water. For these reasons, Metropolitan supports your AB 1180. If you should have any questions regarding Metropolitan's position on your measure, please feel free to contact me at (916) 650-2614 or at kviatella@mwdh2o.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kathy Viatella".

Kathy Viatella
Executive Legislative Representative