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June 26, 2019

The Honorable Henry Stern  
Chair, Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee  
State Capitol, Room 5046  
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 292 (Quirk): Recycled Water: raw water and groundwater augmentation  
(As amended on June 20) – **SUPPORT**

Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee: July 9 hearing

Dear Chairman Stern:

The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California respectfully requests your support for Assembly Bill 292 as authored by Assembly Member Quirk and sponsored by WateReuse.

Metropolitan provides treated water to 26 member agencies that serve 19 million people across six Southern California counties. To ensure future reliability, Metropolitan has successfully developed and implemented a diverse portfolio of supplies through responsible water management. Metropolitan is currently working with partners to develop a Regional Recycled Water Program that could significantly expand the use of recycled water in California.

Ensuring the public's understanding and acceptance of recycled water is critical for meeting the State's recycled water goals. Metropolitan supports updating older statutory terms and definitions such as "indirect potable" and "direct potable" with more appropriate terms that reflect actual process and use to help achieve further understanding and public acceptance of the value of recycled water. Metropolitan believes that Assembly Member Quirk's AB 292 helps move California on the trajectory of increased recycled water production and use.

Thank you for your consideration to assist water agencies in developing reliable water supplies. If you have any questions or concerns on Metropolitan's position of support, please contact Kathy Viatella at (916) 650-2614 or via email at [kviatella@mwdh2o.com](mailto:kviatella@mwdh2o.com).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathy Viatella". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "K".

Kathy Viatella  
Executive Legislative Representative

cc: Members of the Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee  
Assembly Member Bill Quirk  
Dennis O'Connor, Consultant, Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee  
Todd Moffit, Consultant, Senate Republican Caucus