



Sacramento Legislative Office

September 10, 2019

The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor, State of California
State Capitol, First Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 296 (Cooley): Climate change: Climate Innovation Grant Program:
voluntary tax contributions (As amended on August 30, 2019)

Requesting Signature

Dear Governor Newsom:

On behalf of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, I am writing to inform you of our support for Assembly Member Ken Cooley's Assembly Bill 296 (Cooley) that would create a Climate Innovation Grant Program, and respectfully request that you sign the bill into law.

This bill will create a competitive grants program to support research and development of new technologies that can help improve water quality and reliability, decarbonize the electrical grid, sequester carbon, modernize transportation, and remove criteria air pollutants. Together these activities will support California's efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and address climate change impacts.

Metropolitan has long supported research into the effects of climate change on water supply reliability and quality. AB 296 will help advance this research by making available new technologies and knowledge that could benefit Metropolitan, our member agencies, and the southlands generally.

For these reasons, we respectfully request your signature on AB 296. Should you need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me (916) 650-2614 or kviatella@mwdh2o.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathy Viatella". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Kathy Viatella
Executive Legislative Representative

cc: Assembly Member Ken Cooley