



Sacramento Legislative Office

July 24, 2019

The Honorable Monique Limón
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 6031
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 409 (Limón): Climate change: Agricultural Climate Adaptation Tools Program:
grants - **SUPPORT**

Senate Appropriations Committee: August 12, 2019

Dear Assembly Member Limón:

On behalf of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, I am pleased to relay our support for your Assembly Bill 409 that directs the Strategic Growth Council to establish a competitive grant program to support new planning tools and pilot projects to help agriculture adapt to climate change impacts in the Central Valley, Central Coast, and desert regions where warmer temperatures and longer dry spells create more risk for farmers.

Metropolitan has long supported research into the changing effects of climate change on water supply and quality. Assembly Bill 409 would create grant funding to improve, develop and promote innovative climate adaptation technologies and support on-farm, science-based strategies and tools that benefit farmers and the environment by restoring healthy soils, conserving water, and sequestering carbon. As a large landholder, Metropolitan manage more than 48,000 acres in the Bay Delta and the Palo Verde Valley that could benefit from having access to new tools and knowledge to advance climate-resilient agricultural practices.

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For these reasons, Metropolitan is pleased to support of your AB 409. Should you have any questions regarding our position or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (916) 650-2614 or at 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, looped initial "K".

Kathy Viatella
Executive Legislative Representative

cc: Members of the Senate Appropriations Committee
Ashley Ames, Consultant, Senate Appropriations Committee
Emilye Reeb, Consultant, Senate Republican Caucus