



Sacramento Legislative Office

June 25, 2019

The Honorable Lorena Gonzalez
Chair, Assembly Appropriations Committee
State Capitol, Room 2114
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 19 (Dodd): Water resources: stream gages (As amended June 11) – **SUPPORT**
Assembly Appropriations Committee

Dear Chairwoman Gonzalez:

On behalf of The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, I wish to convey Metropolitan's support for Senator Dodd's Senate Bill 19. SB 19 would require the Department of Water Resources (DWR) and State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) to develop a plan to deploy a network of stream gages that includes a determination of funding needs and opportunities for reactivating existing gages. In consultation with its sister agencies and other interested parties, DWR and the SWRCB are required to prioritize the deployment of stream gages based upon gaps in the existing system.

A robust and accurate data collection system will support informed decision-making regarding water management. Having a more reliable and accurate system of stream gages can also help integrate groundwater recharge during high-flow regimes within the system. Good information and science leads to good public policy on water management.

Thank you for your consideration of Metropolitan's position and comments on SB 19. If you have any questions regarding Metropolitan's position, please do not hesitate to contact me at (916) 650-2614 or via email at kviatella@mwdh2o.com.

Sincerely,

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

Kathy Viatella
Executive Legislative Representative

cc: Members of the Assembly Appropriations Committee
Jennifer Galehouse, Consultant, Assembly Appropriations Committee
Katie Sperla, Consultant, Assembly Republican Caucus
Senator Bill Dodd