



THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT  
OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

*Office of the Interim General Manager*

September 16, 2024

The Honorable Senator Ron Wyden, Chair  
Senate Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Water and Power  
304 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Senator James E. Risch, Ranking Member  
Senate Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Water and Power  
304 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

RE: Support for Help Hoover Dam Act, S. 4016

Dear Chair Wyden and Ranking Member Risch:

The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California supports the Help Hoover Dam Act, S. 4016, and appreciates you holding a hearing on the bill. Metropolitan is the largest wholesale drinking water provider in the nation. Our 26 member agencies, either directly or through their sub-agencies, provide water to the nearly 19 million people living in Southern California. Metropolitan holds power contracts with the Bureau of Reclamation based upon California's allocation of power from Hoover Dam. Hydropower from Hoover Dam helps power our operations as we deliver water throughout Southern California.

The Help Hoover Dam Act will allow the Bureau of Reclamation to access and utilize funds that are currently stranded in the Colorado River Dam Fund for operation, maintenance, investment, cleanup actions, and capital improvements within the Boulder Canyon Project at Hoover Dam. Reclamation estimates the Hoover Dam requires \$110 million in repair and upgrade work over the next five years. This legislation will free up approximately \$48 million in stranded funds to help off-set this cost or make other investments that Reclamation, in coordination with Hoover Dam power contractors, determines are needed.

Thank you for holding a hearing on this bill. Metropolitan supports S. 4016 and encourages Congress to enact this legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Deven Upadhyay".

Deven Upadhyay  
Interim General Manager

cc: Senator Alex Padilla  
Senator Laphonza Butler