



THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT
OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Office of the General Manager

December 7, 2020

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives
H-232 Capitol Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Majority Leader
United States Senate
S-230 U.S. Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
Minority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
H-107 Capitol Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Charles Schumer
Minority Leader
United States Senate
S-221 U.S. Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20510

RE: WRDA 2020 – Support

Dear Speaker Pelosi, Leader McConnell, Leader McCarthy, and Leader Schumer:

The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (Metropolitan) supports WRDA 2020 and urges its passage before the end of the 116th Congress. Metropolitan is a regional wholesaler that provides water for 26 member public agencies to deliver - either directly or through their sub-agencies - to nearly 19 million people living in Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego and Ventura counties.

The Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) plays a vital role in our Nation's water management. This work is made possible through the enactment of WRDA bills every two years. This schedule ensures continued congressional oversight of the Corps and allows Congress and the Corps to respond to local water resource needs. WRDA 2020 authorizes the study and construction of locally-driven projects that were developed in cooperation and consultation with the Corps. Additional provisions in the bill will help build more resilient communities and provide resources to address the needs of disadvantaged communities.

Metropolitan greatly appreciates all the work members of the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and Senate Environment and Public Works Committee have done to develop this bill. WRDA 2020 is a bipartisan bicameral bill, its passage this Congress will help address the water resources needs of our Nation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeffrey Kightlinger".

Jeffrey Kightlinger
General Manager

cc: Southern California Congressional Delegation