



Randy Record, Chairman
Board of Directors, Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
700 N. Alameda, Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

April 5, 2018

Dear Mr. Record:

On behalf of the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce, I write in strong support of the California WaterFix. We applaud Governor Brown's plan to ensure our long-term water reliability and preserve the environment in and around the Delta. We believe that water security is the foundation of our economy and we urge you to take action on this important project now.

Currently, two-thirds of California's water comes from the Sierra Nevada Mountains and flows through the Sacramento- San Joaquin Delta to other parts of the state, including 30 percent of our water here in Southern California. But the water distribution system is primarily composed of outdated, 100-year old levees that are vulnerable to collapse in a major earthquake, flood or other natural disaster.

Managing water in California depends on many stakeholders and diverse perspectives. Yet there is a glaring need to improve the existing system for the sake of the Delta's environment and our state's economy. We have made great progress using conservation and expanding our local water supplies, however, for some portions of our region, like the San Fernando Valley, the Delta and State Water Project is the only source of imported water that can reach their treatment facilities.

Over the past two weeks Metropolitan Water District staff has done an exceptional job conducting the Board Workshop and developing options and recommendations that are both visionary and fiscally responsible for ratepayers in Los Angeles and areas served by Metropolitan Water District. Southern California is a desert and investing in imported water resources is critical. These investments do not diminish the importance of local water projects, rather they work in tandem to safeguard our water resources.

Stabilizing Southern California's water supply is becoming more urgent every day. We urge you to take action now on California WaterFix. It has the support of Governor Brown. Now, it needs your support to ensure a high quality of life and water reliability for millions of Californians for decades to come.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gary Toebben".

Gary Toebben
President & CEO

CC: Metropolitan Board of Directors