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Randy Record and
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RE: Board Memo 8-1: Adopt CEQA determination and adopt resolution to continue Metropolitan's Water Standby Charge for fiscal year 2018/19 - **OPPOSE**

Chairman Record and Members of the Board:

Consistent with our several prior letters to the MWD staff and Board of Directors,¹ we write to confirm that, while we do not oppose use of a water standby charge in the abstract, we **OPPOSE** the action proposed in Board Memo 8-1, for the reasons stated in our prior letters and in the rate litigation now pending challenging MWD's rates (including its Readiness-to-Serve charge). MWD has failed to allocate its costs consistent with cost causation, including but not limited to its failure to set rates that are uniform for like classes of service throughout the district, as required by MWD Act Sec. 134. Although MWD admits that its member agencies have widely differing water supply needs, MWD fails to account for those differences in establishing its rates and charges.

Sincerely,

Michael T. Hogan
Director

Keith Lewinger
Director

Elsa Saxod
Director

Fern Steiner
Director

OTHER REPRESENTATIVE

County of San Diego

cc: Water Authority Board of Directors

¹ Copies of all prior letters on this matter (dated 5/6/2017, 5/5/2016, 5/9/2015) are already in the possession of MWD, are incorporated herein by reference, and are not again attached here.