



THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT  
OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Office of the Board of Directors

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Dear Messrs. Moore and Saba and Ms. McWade:

Thank you for your letter dated April 7, 2020. We appreciate the input from the cities of Anaheim, Fullerton and Santa Ana on Metropolitan's budget and rate setting process.

I am glad you have had the opportunity to review the revised budget and rate proposal that staff recently sent to Metropolitan's Board. In response to the current COVID-19 pandemic crisis and the concerns expressed by several Metropolitan member agencies and their own agencies, Metropolitan staff proactively revised the budget and rate proposal.

The previous proposal called for an overall rate increase of 5% in 2021 and 5% in 2022. The current proposal calls for an overall rate increase of 3% in 2021 and 4% in 2022. I understand you are requesting that the Board decrease the rates still further. However, we believe our revised proposal protects the fiscal integrity of Metropolitan while recognizing the fiscal challenges facing our communities and member agencies.

Clearly the damage from the COVID-19 pandemic crisis will be significant and far reaching. I also appreciate that cities will be particularly hard hit. At this time, we do not know the full extent of this crisis on our region and what state and federal relief will be available. We recognize the need to be responsive to the needs of our region and our communities in this time of crisis while also ensuring that Metropolitan remains prepared to fulfill its mission of supplying Southern California with reliable, clean and healthy water.

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I look forward to working with the Board members representing your cities and all of the Metropolitan member agencies on addressing these difficult issues and adopting a budget and rates for the next two fiscal years. Thank you again for your input.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gloria Gray". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

Gloria D. Gray  
Chairwoman of the Board

cc: Metropolitan Water District Board of Directors  
Metropolitan Water District Member Agency Managers