



THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT
OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Office of the Board of Directors

September 8, 2020

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Mr. Jim Madaffer, Chair
San Diego County Water Authority
4677 Overland Avenue
San Diego, CA 92123

Dear Chair Madaffer:

In response to the August 31, 2020 letter from the San Diego County Water Authority (SDCWA), I asked Metropolitan staff to prepare a point-by-point response. I have attached this matrix response for you and your Board's information. I also point you to Metropolitan's September Board memo 8-1, which covers this topic in considerable detail.

As the attached material delineates, many of the cost-containment strategies suggested by SDCWA were implemented back in April 2020 when the Metropolitan Board adopted its rates and budget for 2021 and 2022. The SDCWA delegation took an active role in the April discussion, and thanks to their input, along with many other directors, Metropolitan was able to reduce overall rates from an initial proposal of 12 percent down to 3 percent for 2021. Board memo 8-1 outlines even more cost-containment measures staff has identified and proposes to implement going forward. Like SDCWA, Metropolitan has taken unprecedented actions to continue to provide reliable water service to the 19 million Southern Californians in our service area during a global pandemic while doing everything we can to reduce costs for ratepayers.

Thank you for your input into the process. I look forward to a thoughtful and productive discussion at our September Board meeting. I know SDCWA and the other 25 Metropolitan member agencies of Metropolitan are all in this together and committed to ensuring Southern California has highly reliable water service during these challenging times.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gloria Gray". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Gloria" being larger and more prominent than the last name "Gray".

Gloria D. Gray
Chairwoman of the Board

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Attachments

cc: Metropolitan Water District Board of Directors
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