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September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Metropolitan Water District Board of Directors  
P.O. Box 54153  
Los Angeles, CA 90054-0153

Dear Board Members:

Two years ago, the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) made history when Gloria Gray was elected as the Chairwoman. She is the first African American woman to serve at the helm of MWD – a move that was a powerful statement of progress and diversity at the nation’s largest distributor of treated drinking water.

Under Chairwoman Gray’s leadership, MWD has reached a number of remarkable milestones, including:

- Completion of the Regional Recycled Water Project demonstration plant in partnership with the Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts which would lead to largest water recycling facility in the nation;
- Completion and adoption of the landmark Colorado River Drought Contingency Plan to share shortages on the Colorado River;
- Launching a Stormwater Recharge pilot program to study enhanced stormwater capture in Southern California;
- Maximization of water storage to reach nearly 4 million acre-feet of total storage, the highest level in MWD’s history, protecting Southern Californians against drought and climate change;
- Launching new initiatives at MWD to stress diversity, equity and inclusion; and,
- Hired a new Ethics Officer to continue to stress the ongoing commitment to an ethical culture at MWD.

Chairwoman Gray’s steady hand has guided MWD through an unprecedented pandemic and kept clean water flowing for 19 million Californians. She has forged strong partnerships with community leaders across our region and beyond. As MWD continues on the path to more sustainable and environmentally friendly water resources for Southern California, the collaborative leadership of the MWD Board and Chairwoman Gray will be essential.

I look forward to continuing to work with Chairwoman Gray and the entire MWD Board of Directors as we work to strengthen our conservation efforts and ensure clean and affordable drinking water for every Californian. If my office can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to reach out to us at (818) 558-3043.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Laura Friedman". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

LAURA FRIEDMAN  
Assemblymember, 43<sup>rd</sup> District