





# MONDAY MORNING GROUP

*Advocating for Western Riverside County*

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November 10, 2020

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*Congressman Ken Calvert*

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Chair Gloria Gray  
Metropolitan Water District of Southern California  
700 N. Alameda Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Chair Gray,

On behalf of the Monday Morning Group of Western Riverside County, I am writing to express our strong support for the Delta Conveyance Project. We commend Metropolitan Water District's (MWD) actions in 2018 to invest in the original two-tunnel project and urge you to renew these efforts by funding the environmental planning and pre-construction costs for the revised, one-tunnel proposal.

More than 30 percent of Southern California's water supply comes from the Sierra Nevada mountains. While there are concerns about the continued delivery of this crucial water supply, the Delta Conveyance Project serves as a cost-effective solution to ensure its reliable delivery, supporting millions of local residents. The importance of this project has only grown over recent years in the wake of climate change and extreme weather conditions.

Bringing this project to life will also result in robust benefits to the region's economy and the creation of tens of thousands of jobs. As a result, the Delta Conveyance Project enjoys overwhelming support from the community due to its long-term economic impact and role in promoting water security.

For these reasons, we respectfully request MWD's approval of funding for the planning and pre-construction costs in order to move this project forward closer to completion.

For the Monday Morning Group,

Brian Hawley  
President

BH/as



Chairwoman Gloria Gray  
The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California  
700 N. Alameda Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Chairwoman Gray,

On behalf of the Los Angeles Business Council, we are writing in strong support of Metropolitan funding of the state's environmental review and planning process for the single-tunnel Delta conveyance project, our best source of reliable, high-quality and affordable water. The recommended funding share ensures the environmental review is advanced and necessary planning can proceed.

The LABC, which represents over 500 business and civic leaders across all sectors, has been fully supportive of the Delta conveyance project from its earliest days. We know that continued investment in the environmental review and planning process for an updated Delta conveyance system is essential to ensuring that this critically important project moves forward in a timely fashion and avoids further costly delays.

Nearly one-third of Southern California's water supply comes from the Sierra Nevada. This resource provides the backbone water supply for about 29 million people statewide, millions of acres of farmland, Southern California's \$1.6 trillion economy and our environment. Modernizing the aging system that delivers this water is vitally important. It will help ensure we are better prepared for the effects of climate change and earthquakes, and bring greater resilience to the Delta waterways and its ecosystem.

This is not an either/or situation; it is a both/and situation. Southern California is working diligently to reduce its reliance on the Delta. The Delta conveyance project is one of many steps we must take to ensure the region's water resiliency. Southern California is doing its part – actively diversifying its portfolio by developing local projects and investing in water efficiency. Still, the success of these local projects, including recycling projects, depends on a reliable supply of the higher quality water from Northern California.

Governor Newsom's Water Resilience Portfolio prioritizes a one-tunnel Delta conveyance system as essential to ensuring reliable water for generations to come. We continue to support efforts that advance this project because Southern California depends on the reliability the proposed Delta project will provide. With our largest and most affordable supply at risk, Metropolitan needs to provide funding now, ensuring the project continues to move forward with needed environmental planning and permitting work so that an informed decision on the project itself can be made in the future.

We urge Metropolitan's Board of Directors to help fund the environmental review and planning process for the project. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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

Mary Leslie, President, The Los Angeles Business Council

November 16, 2020



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Chairwoman Gloria Gray  
The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California  
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Dear Chairwoman Gray:

**MISSION:**

To accelerate clean  
technology innovation  
and promote the equitable  
deployment of sustainable  
solutions across the San Diego  
region for the benefit of the  
economy, the environment,  
and all members of  
the community.

On behalf of Cleantech San Diego, please accept this letter of support of Metropolitan’s funding of the state’s environmental review and planning process for the single-tunnel Delta conveyance project. The recommended funding share ensures the environmental review is advanced and necessary planning can proceed.

Cleantech San Diego is a member-based business organization that positions the greater San Diego region as a global leader in the cleantech economy. Our members include more than 120 local businesses, universities, governments, and nonprofits committed to advancing sustainable solutions for the benefit of the economy and the environment.

Metropolitan’s tradition of leadership and strong stewardship starts with good planning. Continued investment in the environmental review and planning process for an updated Delta conveyance system ensures this process – which is essential for future decision-making – moves forward in a timely fashion and avoids further costly delays for this critically important project.

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Sincerely,

Jason Anderson  
President and CEO  
Cleantech San Diego