



August 15, 2021

MEMBER AGENCIES

- Carlsbad Municipal Water District
- City of Del Mar
- City of Escondido
- City of National City
- City of Oceanside
- City of Poway
- City of San Diego
- Fallbrook Public Utility District
- Helix Water District
- Lakeside Water District
- Olivenhain Municipal Water District
- Otay Water District
- Padre Dam Municipal Water District
- Camp Pendleton Marine Corps Base
- Rainbow Municipal Water District
- Ramona Municipal Water District
- Rincon del Diablo Municipal Water District
- San Dieguito Water District
- Santa Fe Irrigation District
- South Bay Irrigation District
- Vallecitos Water District
- Valley Center Municipal Water District
- Vista Irrigation District
- Yuima Municipal Water District

Chair Gray and
Members of the Board of Directors
Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
P.O. Box 54153
Los Angeles, CA 90054-0153

RE: Board Memo 7-1: Adopt resolution establishing the tax rate for fiscal year 2021/22

Dear Chair Gray and Board Members:

As you know, we have objected to the imposition of property tax as a result of MWD's suspension of the tax rate limitations contained in Section 124.5 of the MWD Act, for reasons that have been stated in detail in prior letters.¹ Last year, we voted in favor of suspending the tax limitation due to exigent circumstances which are ongoing, including the devastating financial impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on Southern California water ratepayers.

We look forward to this issue being addressed as part of or as a follow on to our September board retreat.

Sincerely,

Jerry Butkiewicz
Director

S. Gail Goldberg
Director

Michael T. Hogan
Director

Tim Smith
Director

cc: San Diego County Water Authority Board Members and Member Agencies
Adel Hagekhalil, MWD General Manager

OTHER REPRESENTATIVE

County of San Diego

¹ See letters dated August 15, 2020, April 9, 2020, August 17, 2019, August 19, 2018, August 14, 2017, August 15, 2016, August 15, 2015, and August 16, 2013, all of which are in the possession of MWD.