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

RE: BizFed Support for Metropolitan's funding for the Delta Conveyance

Dear Chairwoman Gray:

We are writing to you on behalf of BizFed, the Los Angeles County Business Federation. We are an alliance of more than 200 business organizations who represent more than 400,000 business organizations with 4.5 million employees in LA County. We are writing to express our strong support of Metropolitan's funding of the state's environmental review and planning process for the single-tunnel Delta conveyance project.

As the largest business advocacy organization in Southern California, BizFed represents a wide range of industries from large to small. We represent refineries, ports, hotels, hospitals, restaurants, warehouses, transportation, construction, food preparation, retailers, education, theme parks and more. We are dependent on them and all of them are dependent on clean, cost-effective flow of water.

BizFed supports an all-the-above approach to our water needs. We support desalination, stormwater capture, recycling and conservation. However, without the backstop of the Delta, we cannot supply our region with enough water that our \$1.6 trillion economy requires. Nearly one-third of Southern California's water supply comes from the Sierra Nevada. 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.

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.

If you have any questions, please contact sarah.wiltfong@bizfed.org.

Sincerely,



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