



THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT
OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

June 6, 2024

The Honorable Juan Carrillo, Chair
Assembly Local Government Committee
1020 N Street, Room 157
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 1169 (Stern): Los Angeles County Flood Control District: finances – **SUPPORT**

Dear Chair Carrillo:

On behalf of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (Metropolitan), I am pleased to share Metropolitan's support for SB 1169, regarding the Los Angeles County Flood Control District.

California has been consistently challenged with climate change, including instances of intense storms that result in flood risks throughout the state. The Los Angeles County Flood Control District (LACFD) currently has a cap on their overall borrowing capacity at \$4.5 million dollars, which is a remnant of the initial authorizing statutes in 1935. Unfortunately, this has hindered their ability to raise the necessary funds to address flood control and water supply management.

This bill seeks to remove the current \$4.5 million debt limit on the LACFD, to ensure the district can raise the appropriate levels of capital to implement key flood prevention programs. Passage of SB1169 will enable LACFD to apply for loans to fund the removal of 15 million cubic yards of sediment, which has an estimated project cost of \$500 million dollars. High sediment levels have accumulated in LACFD reservoirs due to increased inflow from record wildfires and climate change. These challenges not only jeopardize the functionality of LACFD infrastructure but also pose significant risks to regional water resources and public safety.

For these, Metropolitan supports SB 1169. If you should need additional information or have any questions on Metropolitan's position, please contact our Executive Legislative Representative, Jay Jefferson, at jjeffersonii@mwdh2o.com or (916) 538-4663.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adel Hagekhalil", written in a cursive style.

Adel Hagekhalil
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Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

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