



THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT
OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

May 23, 2023

The Honorable Anna Caballero
California State Senate
1021 O Street, Suite 7620
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: SB 366 (Caballero): The California Water Plan: Long-term Supply Targets
(Amended April 27, 2023) – SUPPORT, IF AMENDED**

Dear Senator Caballero:

On behalf of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (Metropolitan), I am writing to express our position of “support, if amended” for SB 366, which would require the Department of Water Resources (DWR) to assess the opportunities to develop a broad range of water supply sources as the basis of establishing long-term water supply sustainability strategies and objectives.

As the primary wholesale water supplier for Southern California, providing water to nearly 19 million residents throughout Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, and Ventura counties, Metropolitan’s water management practices are the cornerstone of our approach to ensuring a broad and reliable water supply portfolio that adapts in the face of our changing climate.

Metropolitan supports the intent of this bill to establish a process that properly identifies and provides for long-term water supply objectives to provide reliable and sustainable water supplies to its customers and is committed to engaging in dialogue to further strengthen the provisions contained in SB 366 as the bill moves through the legislature.

To that end, Metropolitan is requesting your consideration of amendments to clarify that the proposed long-term water supply target for 2050 should reflect statewide, regional, and local efforts rather than solely “regional and local.” This amendment will help ensure that local, regional, and state efforts are properly considered and incorporated in the 2050 water supply targets.

We look forward to working with you on this bill and ask that you consider Metropolitan’s “support, if amended” position on SB 366. Please contact Metropolitan’s Executive Legislative Representative Jay Jefferson II, at jjeffersonii@mwdh2o.com or (916) 538-4663 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

*The Metropolitan Water District of
Southern California*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Hagekhalil', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Adel Hagekhalil
General Manager
Metropolitan Water District of Southern California