



THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT  
OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

June 10, 2024

The Honorable Dave Min, Chair  
Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee  
1021 O Street, Room 3220  
Sacramento, CA 05814

RE: AB 460 (Bauer-Kahan): State Water Resources Control Board: water rights and usage:  
civil penalties – **REMOVAL OF OPPOSITION**

Dear Chair Min:

On behalf of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (Metropolitan) we are pleased to share that we are removing opposition and are currently neutral on AB 460.

As you are aware, the prior version of AB 460 would have established expansive new injunctive relief powers for the State Water Resources Control Board (State Board), that raised significant concern for Metropolitan and the broader water community. With recent amendments taken on June 3, 2024, the bill now focuses on increasing civil penalties for violations of State Board regulations or curtailment orders.

By focusing on increasing fees for State Board violations, we believe this bill has been appropriately narrowed to address the concerns that led to the bill's initial introduction and are grateful for the author's willingness to negotiate and work to find a compromise that recognizes the concerns of the water community.

For these reasons, Metropolitan is removing opposition to AB 460 and looks forward to further collaboration as this bill moves through the process. If you should need additional information or have any questions, please contact Metropolitan's Executive Legislative Representative at [jjeffersonii@mwdh2o.com](mailto:jjeffersonii@mwdh2o.com) or (916) 538-4663.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adel Hagekhalil".

Adel Hagekhalil  
*General Manager*  
Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

The Honorable Dave Min

June 6, 2024

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cc: Senator Kelly Seyarto, 32<sup>nd</sup> SD, Vice Chair  
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