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Lili Bosse, Mayor

June 7, 2022

The Honorable Lisa Calderon
California State Assembly, 57th District
1021 O Street, Suite 4120
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 1845 (Calderon) — Metropolitan Water District of Southern California: alternative project delivery methods
City of Beverly Hills SUPPORT

Dear Assemblymember Calderon:

On behalf of the City of Beverly Hills, I write to **SUPPORT** your **AB 1845**, which authorizes the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California to use alternative project delivery methods for the design and construction of a select number of water infrastructure projects.

The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) is a regional wholesaler that delivers water to 26 member agencies severing about 19 million Californians across Los Angeles, Ventura, Orange, San Diego, San Bernardino and Riverside counties. As climate change brings greater uncertainty to imported supplies, MWD is working to expedite a regional recycled water project and a set of drought-response projects to ensure greater regional reliability and flexibility.

Specifically, MWD plans to undertake a select number of drought mitigation projects that will upgrade regional distribution infrastructure and allow up to 116,000 acre-feet of water from other sources to move into parts of the service areas dependent on shrinking State Water Project supplies. At the same time, a new Regional Recycled Water Program (RRWP), in partnership with Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts, is planned which could produce up to 150 million gallons of treated wastewater a day, enough for 500,000 homes. A new local source of water on this scale would be transformative and help alleviate the demand for imported water from the Colorado River and State Water Project.

Currently, MWD is limited to a traditional design-bid-build model for the delivery of public works construction contracts. This model can be inefficient and inflexible for large, time-sensitive, and complex projects. **AB 1845** would help solve this problem by giving MWD the ability to use Design Build, Progressive Design Build and Construction Manager/General Contractor delivery methods for a limited set of drought-

response projects and a RRWP. These new contracting methods would accelerate project delivery and allow MWD to advance these important projects in a more expeditious and efficient manner

For these reasons, we **SUPPORT AB 1845** and thank you for bringing the important measure forward.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lili Bosse". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Lili Bosse

Mayor, City of Beverly Hills

Cc: The Honorable Ben Allen, Senator, 26th District
The Honorable Richard Bloom, Assemblymember, 50th District
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