



THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT
OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Office of the General Manager

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Mr. Robert Gomperz
President of the Board
Foothill Municipal Water District
4536 Hampton Road
La Canada Flintridge, CA 91011

Dear Mr. Gomperz,

On behalf of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California this letter is written in support of Foothill Municipal Water District's Local Reliable Supply Program, which includes building new water recycling projects and facilities to capture stormwater.

Southern California's water supply has become stressed in recent years because of the current drought and legal rulings that divert water supplies for the protection of endangered fish species. While a long-term plan to enhance the reliability of the State Water Project and restore the Bay-Delta ecosystem is being developed, water agencies need to develop local supplies to complement our region's imported supplies. Additionally, new legislation now mandates the Governor's goal of achieving a permanent reduction in water use by 20% by 2020. All of this highlights the need for well managed local water supply programs. Additionally, the recent local fires highlight the need for a secure and reliable water system infrastructure to deliver that water when and where it is needed.

Foothill's program will meet these objectives by developing recycled water, increasing stormwater capture, enhancing conservation and rehabilitating Foothill's current infrastructure. Metropolitan endorses the program as a sound means of achieving long-term water supply reliability for the Foothill service area.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (213) 217-6211.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeffrey Kightlinger".

Jeffrey Kightlinger
General Manager

cc: N. Jazmadarian, Foothill MWD