



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS

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Lili Bosse, Mayor

September 13, 2022

The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor, State of California
1021 O Street, Suite 9000
Sacramento, CA 95814

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

Dear Governor Newsom,

On behalf of the City of Beverly Hills, I am pleased to express the City's **SUPPORT for AB 1845 (Calderon)** and respectfully request that you **SIGN** this measure into law when it reaches your desk. This measure authorizes the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) to use alternative project delivery methods for the design and construction of a select number of water infrastructure projects.

The MWD is a regional wholesaler of water that delivers water to 26 member agencies serving about 19 million Californians from Los Angeles, Ventura, Orange, San Diego, San Bernardino and Riverside counties. As climate change brings greater uncertainty to imported water 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 as it relates to water.

Specifically, MWD plans to undertake a select number of drought mitigation projects which will upgrade regional water 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 the 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 to serve 500,000 homes. A new local source of water on this scale would be transformative for Southern California and help alleviate the demand for imported water from the Colorado River and State Water Project.

Currently, MWD is limited to using traditional design-bid-build models 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 Regional Recycled Water Project. 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 respectfully request that you take action to **SIGN AB 1845 (Calderon)** into law. Thank you for your consideration.

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 Lisa Calderon, Assemblymember, 57th District
The Honorable Ben Allen, Senator, 26th District
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