

## FOOTHILL MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

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August 16, 2017

Mayor Eric Garcetti City of Los Angeles 200 N. Spring St. Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: California WaterFix Project - Support

#### Dear Mayor Garcetti:

On behalf of Foothill Municipal Water District, I am writing to express strong support for the California WaterFix project, and encourage you to do the same in order to protect water supplies for generations to come.

Water is essential to our physical health and well-being. It's our lifeblood and a fundamental need. While Southern Californians have the right to expect a clean and reliable water supply, the delivery system moving water to our region is old, vulnerable and in desperate need of improvement.

Today more than 60 percent of California's water supply comes from the Sierra Nevada Mountains. Melted snow from these mountains provides the backbone supply — along with good jobs and quality of life — for Southern Californians. With this supply at risk, we need the reliability that California WaterFix will provide. A modernized delivery system will ensure that high-quality water from the Sierra Nevada mountains will continue to be delivered to Southern California.

We're not alone in our support. There is strong backing for California WaterFix in the region. Nearly two-thirds (64 percent) of Southern California voters support the project, according to results released from a recent public opinion survey\_commissioned by Southern California Water Committee (SCWC). It is now time for our decision-makers and stakeholders to listen to their

constituents, pick up the torch and take the necessary steps to help advance construction of this vital project.

We appreciate your consideration and leadership at this time.

Sincerely,

**Richard Atwater** 

President of the Board of Directors FOOTHILL MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

Attachment(s):

Resolution No. 852-0915 - In Support of CA WaterFix and CA EcoRestore

## **RESOLUTION NO. 852-0915**

### A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF FOOTHILL MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT IN SUPPORT OF CALIFORNIA WATERFIX AND CALIFORNIA ECORESTORE

WHEREAS, in April 2015, the Brown and Obama administrations proposed a revised path to protecting water supplies that are imported from Northern California while restoring the declining ecosystem of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta;

WHEREAS, the new state-federal proposal identifies a new, preferred alternative within the Delta environmental review process that advances water system improvements as a stand-alone project while phasing in habitat restoration in a separate, but coordinated fashion;

WHEREAS, California WaterFix will provide a 9,000 cubic feet per second facility that will complement local water supply projects by allowing the safe capture of water in wet and above-normal years so that it can be stored and used in dry years;

WHEREAS, California EcoRestore will accelerate and implement a comprehensive suite of habitat restoration actions to support the long-term health of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta's native fish and wildlife species;

# NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF FOOTHILL MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT as follows:

Section 1. The Board of Directors support California WaterFix and California EcoRestore programs; and,

Section 2. A copy of this resolution shall be sent to our state legislative representatives and key members of the Administration.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED on September 28, 2015.

**AYES:** 

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

President, Foothill Municipal Water District

ATTEST

Secretary, Foothill Municipal Water Distric

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