



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS® OF CALIFORNIA

May 11, 2012

Deven Upadhyay
Manager, Water Resources
Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
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Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: MWD Financial Support of the California Urban Water Conservation Council

Dear Mr. Upadhyay:

The League of Women Voters of California, a multi-issue, nonprofit organization, is one of seven nonprofit organizations serving on the board of the California Urban Water Conservation Council (Council). We are contacting you about the importance of Council's work, the importance of maintaining stability in the organization's revenues, and the need for continued financial support from the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD).

Urban water agencies have been making progress in water conservation over the 20 years of the Council's existence. The Council is continuing to lead and coordinate efforts to identify, research, and promote behavioral and structural changes to conserve water. Support from the MWD—both financial support and participation on the Council's board—has been important in this process.

In order to ensure broad participation in the Council and optimal best management practices among water suppliers and consumers, we request that you reconsider your budget and sustain the level of financial support you have contributed for member agencies of the MWD. This financial support, which we understand totals about \$220,000 annually, is an important investment to ensure the continued broad CUWCC involvement of water agencies throughout southern California.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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