

SOLANO COUNTY WATER AGENCY



August 29, 2017

The Honorable Tani Cantil-Sakauye, Chief Justice,
And Honorable Associate Justices
Supreme Court of the State of California
350 McAllister Street
San Francisco, CA 94102-3600

Re: *San Diego County Water Authority v. Metropolitan Water District of Southern California et al.*
California Supreme Court Case No. S243500
California Court of Appeal, First Appellate District, Case Nos. A146901, A148266
Amicus Curiae Letter in Support of Petition for Review (Cal. Rule of Court 8.500(g))

Dear Chief Justice Cantil-Sakauye and Honorable Associate Justices:

The Solano County Water Agency submits this letter in support of the Petition for Review filed by the San Diego County Water Authority (“Water Authority”), seeking review of a published decision by Division Three of the First Appellate District of the Court of Appeal. (*San Diego County Water Authority v. Metropolitan Water District of Southern California* (2017) 12 Cal. App. 5th 1124.) The Court of Appeal held that the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (“Metropolitan”) could lawfully treat certain significant State Water Project water supply charges as though they were its own transportation costs, and then charge those costs to customers seeking only water transportation services.

In addition to the immediate issue of what constitutes reasonable water-rate setting vis-à-vis water transfers, the appellate court’s decision has potentially far reaching impacts with respect to water management throughout California.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Skip Thomson". The signature is fluid and cursive.

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Dated: August 29, 2017

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DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**

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