



September 11, 2020

Gloria Gray, Chairwoman
Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
P.O. Box 54153
Los Angeles, CA 90054-0153

RE: Water Rates

Dear Chairwoman Gray,

We received a copy of your letter to Chair Madaffer dated September 8, 2020. We want to thank you for providing information on the various cost-containment strategies Metropolitan has adopted during its 2021 and 2022 budget process. We also appreciate the active role Metropolitan provided to the SDCWA delegation in the discussions on rates. Thank you for your work that resulted in Metropolitan reducing overall rates from the initial 12 percent down to 3 percent for 2021. This reduction is greatly appreciated and recognizing this is the primary reason for this letter.

With a very uncertain economic future, Padre Dam MWD along with many member agencies are feeling significant financial pressure from revenue reductions while trying to sustain critical O&M and CIP programs. Padre Dam has taken a number of steps to reduce costs while strongly encouraging our wholesale supplier, SDCWA, to do the same.

We are respectfully asking you to continue your outstanding efforts in cost reduction and rate relief without materially impacting the quality and reliability of Metropolitan services and systems.

Again, thank you for what you've done so far and your thoughtful consideration of our request during these challenging times.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Douglas S. Wilson".

Doug Wilson
President

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Allen Carlisle".

Allen Carlisle
CEO/General Manger

cc: Jeff Kightlinger, General Manager, MWDC
Padre Dam MWD Board of Directors

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