



September 14, 2020

Dear Metropolitan Water District Board:

As you are already aware, the challenges created by the pandemic and recession are being felt across your service area and throughout California. We thank you for your previous direction to your staff to explore cost cutting measures to keep rates as low as possible, as that impacts every household in Southern California.

Due to the economic conditions and the negative effect rates have on residents, the San Diego County Taxpayers Association encourages you to continue to make every possible effort to contain costs and to report back on successful cost reductions. We expect other agencies throughout Southern California to do the same and take action to provide relief to ratepayers as significant financial pressures continue.

During these trying times, we need to all dig deep to offer relief to all Southern California ratepayers without materially impacting services.

Thank you for your consideration and taking the necessary action to support residents and businesses during these challenging times.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Haney Hong", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Haney Hong
President and CEO
San Diego County Taxpayers Association