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Re: Support for Consideration of Reinstatement and Amendment of the Existing LRP

Dear Water Planning and Stewardship Committee:

The City would like to express its appreciation and support to Metropolitan Water District for consideration to authorize the General Manager to reinstate and amend the existing Local Resources Program (LRP) agreement for the City of Beverly Hills Desalter Project.

Due to unforeseen water quality changes discovered in 2015, the City's water treatment plant had to be shut down for an extended period of time. As a result of increased levels of iron, manganese, iron sulfide, and sanding in the groundwater, the City of Beverly Hills embarked on a program to perform water quality testing, pilot testing, design, and construction of a pre-treatment system addition to the existing WTP. The pre-treatment system comprises of the addition of enhanced sand removal with sand separators and Oxidant Media Filtration prior to the existing reverse osmosis treatment system. Construction of the pretreatment system began in August 2020 and is currently under construction. The City also dedicated additional resources in the pursuit of augmenting local water supply from additional water basins.

The City of Beverly Hills is requesting the LRP agreement to be extended and reinstated with an amendment to the original agreement adding an additional 3 years to the term of the agreement.

Sincerely,

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