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September 29, 2017

Honorable Mark Muir
Chair, San Diego County Water Authority &
Council Member, City of Encinitas

Dear Chairman Muir,

Wednesday's decision by the California State Supreme Court not to review the San Diego County Water Authority lawsuit is an opportunity. It is an opportunity for the Authority and all the other Member Agencies of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California to turn away from expensive and wasteful litigation and to move towards effective cooperation. As a water community, we have lost years of collaboration as we face increasing challenges in supply and reliability. Let's take a new direction.

Historically, Orange and San Diego Counties have worked together at Metropolitan. While the San Diego is the second largest delegation at Metropolitan, the recent years of lawsuits have undermined San Diego County's influence and input there. The Water Authority has become insular and isolated in perception and practice. However, we do not need to continue the status quo.

The Municipal Water District of Orange County is willing to work with San Diego to repurpose the talent and resources that all parties have been dissipating on this exercise in legal futility towards cooperative work for reliable, cost-effective and equitable water supply solutions. Let us opt for tangible benefits to our ratepayers rather than lawyers and public relations consultants.

It is time we recognize that litigation between Southern California water agencies does not result in net gains, only net losses for our customers. The Supreme Court action presents an opportunity to put those losses behind us. Orange County invites San Diego to move forward with a partnership that amplifies the talents of our respective agencies to ensure we find equitable solutions to the complex issues associated with delivering quality water in the most cost-effective manner.

The time is now: decisions loom on the California WaterFix, the Regional Recycled Water Advanced Purification Center and other efforts to ensure long-term water reliability for Metropolitan's 23 million customers. San Diego County Water Authority should be, and can be, an important voice in those discussions with a new spirit of cooperation.

We stand ready to work with our neighbors in San Diego County for better outcomes. We invite you to consider reestablishing our once productive joint meetings of the Municipal Water District of Orange County and San Diego County Water Authority Boards and our respective Metropolitan Delegations. Let's take a new direction.

Sincerely,



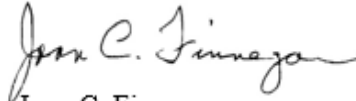
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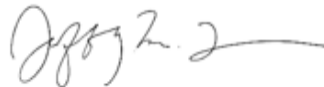
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