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April 3, 2020

Mr. Robert Hunter
General Manager
Municipal Water District of Orange County
18700 Ward Street
Fountain Valley CA 92708

SUBJECT: Doheny Desal Project

Dear Mr. Hunter:

I would like to make the following comments on Item 4 of your April 6, 2020, Planning & Operations (P&O) Committee agenda regarding the Doheny Desal Project Status Update Report:

1. The Orange County Water District (OCWD) requests that the Doheny Desal Project be treated as a Choice Item. It is apparent that the benefit of this project would fall to South Orange County Agencies and as such should not be paid for by all MWDOC's member agencies but only those that derive the direct benefit.
2. OCWD would also request that the MWDOC Board delay approval of any expenditure relating to the Doheny Desal Project until a more robust discussion with the MWDOC Board and the MWDOC member agencies can take place regarding this project.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

Sincerely,

Michael R. Markus, P.E., D.WRE, BCEE, F.ASCE
General Manager

Bcc: OCWD Board of Directors
Cc: MWDOC Board of Directors
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