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August 7, 2020

Mr. Satoru Tamaribuchi  
President, Board of Directors  
Municipal Water District of Orange County  
18700 Ward Street  
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SUBJECT: Appointment of MWDOC MET Director

Dear Sat:

I am writing you regarding the matter being considered at the Municipal Water District of Orange County (MWDOC) Special Board of Directors meeting scheduled for August 10, 2020.

The MET Director Selection Committee has made a recommendation to the MWDOC Board of a candidate to fill a vacancy for one of MWDOC's MET Director seats and yet the Board report does not reflect the reasons for the Committees recommendation. The meetings of this Committee were not held publicly and lacked any input from the MWDOC member agencies as to what criteria or consideration was being used in selecting a candidate.

The Orange County Water District (OCWD) acknowledges that any member of the MWDOC Board is eminently qualified to serve as an appointee to the MET Board, but feels that with the recommended candidate there could be an imbalance in representation from North and South County agencies along with the fact that MWDOC would have 2 of its MET Directors from the same service area of one of its member agencies.

The OCWD would ask that the MWDOC Board not take action on this item at this time, but work with its member agencies to help develop criteria for further deliberations of the Selection Committee.

Sincerely,

Vicente Sarmiento, Esq.  
President, Orange County Water District

Cc: OCWD Board of Directors  
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