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Glen D. Peterson
MWD Representative

March 22, 2022

The Honorable Richard Bloom
Assemblymember, District 50
P.O. Box 942849
Sacramento, CA 94249-0050

Local Water Supply Challenges due to Statewide Drought Emergency

Dear Assemblymember Bloom:

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The Honorable Jesse Gabriel
Assemblymember, District 45
P.O. Box 942849
Sacramento, CA 94249-0045

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Dear Assemblymember Gabriel:

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The Honorable Dianne Feinstein, Senator
United States Senate

331 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

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Dear Senator Feinstein:

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The Honorable Alex Padilla, Senator
United States Senate
112 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

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The Honorable Henry Stern

Senator, District 27

1021 O Street, Suite 7710

Sacramento, CA 95814

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