



THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT
OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Office of the General Manager

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Re: Comments on Discussion Draft Technical Advisory: AB 52 and Tribal Cultural Resources in CEQA

Dear Mr. Calfee:

The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (Metropolitan) is commenting on the Governor's Office of Planning and Resources (OPR) Discussion Draft Technical Advisory: AB 52 and Tribal Cultural Resources in CEQA (Draft Advisory).

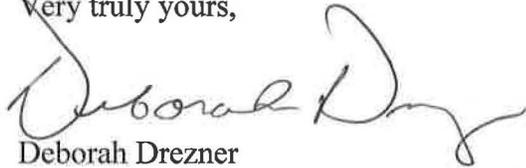
Metropolitan is a public agency and regional water wholesaler, providing an essential public service, drinking water. It is comprised of 26 member public agencies serving approximately 19 million people in portions of six counties in Southern California, including Riverside and San Diego Counties. Metropolitan's mission is to provide its 5,200 square mile service area with adequate and reliable supplies of high-quality water to meet present and future needs in an environmentally and economically responsible way.

Metropolitan's water conveyance and distribution facilities are located in close proximity to and within several tribal reservations. We work cooperatively with these tribes on proposed projects and look forward to working with them to implement the obligations under AB 52 going forward. For this reason, Metropolitan has monitored the development of AB 52 closely along with this Draft Advisory. We would like to thank OPR for providing us with the opportunity to participate in the discussion and development of this Draft Advisory. The Draft Advisory is concise and accurate, closely following the express language of AB 52. Metropolitan has no specific comments on the Draft Advisory, but would like to be included in any further public notices on the matter, including further development of the amendments to Appendix G to the CEQA State Guidelines.

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We appreciate the opportunity to review the Draft Advisory. Please feel free to contact Michelle Morrison at (213) 217-7906 with any questions.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Deborah Drezner". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name.

Deborah Drezner
Interim Team Manager, Environmental Planning Group