



February 13, 2020

Congressman Jared Huffman  
 1527 Longworth House Office Building  
 Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Huffman,

On behalf of the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC), I am writing to express support and appreciation for your sponsorship of the FUTURE Drought Resiliency Act.

As drought becomes increasingly common, the SFPUC is actively working to implement strategies to diversify our water supply. We are working closely with San Francisco Bay Area partners and others to develop projects aligned with Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-10-19 directing state agencies to prepare a water resilience portfolio to meet the needs of California's communities, economy, and the environment through the 21<sup>st</sup> century. This bill would enhance those discussions and provide funding to support critical water supply projects and environmental restoration efforts.

We strongly support Section 201 of the bill to expand the income tax exclusion for homeowners who receive rebates from water utilities to purchase and install water conservation or stormwater management systems in residential homes. As the bill moves forward, we hope you will consider incorporating language to clarify that flood-related grant programs are included in the definition of stormwater management measures.

We also strongly support federal investment in water workforce training as our sector prepares to replace up to 50 percent of its workforce due to upcoming retirements. We look forward to working with you to ensure that any new water workforce program run by the Department of the Interior complements and does not duplicate the new water workforce training grant program that will be run by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Thank you for your leadership on these vital water infrastructure issues.

Sincerely,

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