

February 14, 2020

The Honorable Jared Huffman
United States House of Representatives
1527 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Subject: Support for the FUTURE Act

Dear Representative Huffman:

The East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) is pleased to support your measure the Furthering Underutilized Technologies and Unleashing Responsible Expenditures for Drought Resiliency Act (FUTURE Act). The FUTURE Act would help provide drought preparedness and improve water supply reliability by investing in surface and groundwater storage, water recycling, desalination, and efficiency and conservation; improving drought planning and habitat restoration programs; assisting disadvantaged communities; and training job seekers for careers in the water industry.

Your forward-looking approach to developing a more water resilient future that recognizes the critical importance of the environment and fisheries is consistent with EBMUD's mission to manage the natural resources and to preserve and protect the environment for future generations while providing reliable, high-quality water and wastewater services at fair and reasonable rates for the people of the East Bay.

We thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on your discussion draft. We have submitted comments to clarify funding eligibility for ecosystem restoration projects; ensure hatchery funders, such as EBMUD, and operators are consulted as part of drought planning; and clarify that a low income definition for workforce career program eligibility considers regional differences in the cost of living.

EBMUD values your leadership and we look forward to continuing to work with you and your staff. If there are any questions or you or your staff would like additional information, please contact our federal legislative representative, Eric Sapirstein. Mr. Sapirstein can be reached at (202) 466-3755.

Sincerely,



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