



MAYOR ROBERT GARCIA
CITY OF LONG BEACH

September 1, 2016

The Honorable Edmund G. Brown, Jr.
Governor of California
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Support for Senate Bill 1328 (Lara) – Water delivery projects: reduction of greenhouse gas emissions: funding

Dear Governor Brown:

On behalf of the City of Long Beach, I am pleased to support Senate Bill 1328 (Lara). Long Beach strongly supports increased funding to facilitate the deployment of stormwater capture projects and groundwater recharge facilities, which would increase the resiliency of local water supplies, and reduce the dependence on water imports.

Long Beach strives to be a leader in stormwater best management practices. Recently, the City has partnered with the California Department of Transportation (CalTrans) to design and construct the Long Beach Municipal Urban Stormwater Treatment (LB-MUST) Recycle Facility, which will provide treatment of urban runoff prior to going into the lower Los Angeles River.

As the development of the LB-MUST Recycle Facility project moves forward, the City will require additional funding to further enhance the planned project. SB 1328 provides an opportunity to sensibly pair existing State funding with local projects that meet stormwater, drought and climate change goals. Long Beach is an ideal location to build an urban runoff and treatment facility because of its proximity to the Los Angeles River. This location allows for the opportunity to irrigate the City's facilities, parkways and parks with recycled stormwater.

Given these reasons, the City of Long Beach supports SB 1328 and respectfully request your signature on Senate Bill 1328 (Lara).

Sincerely,

Mayor Robert Garcia
City of Long Beach

cc: The Honorable Speaker Anthony Rendon, State Assembly
The Honorable Ricardo Lara, State Senate, 33rd District
The Honorable Janet Nguyen, State Senate, 34th District
The Honorable Isadore Hall, III, State Senate, 35th District
The Honorable Mike Gipson, State Assembly, 64th District
The Honorable Patrick O'Donnell, State Assembly, 70th District

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