



**MAYOR ROBERT GARCIA**  
CITY OF LONG BEACH

May 16, 2016

The Honorable Ricardo Lara  
California State Senate  
State Capitol, Room 5050  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: Support for Senate Bill 1328 (Lara): Stormwater capture and treatment projects: funding**

Dear Senator Lara:

On behalf of the City of Long Beach, I write to express the City's **support as amended** position on SB 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. However, the City would like stormwater projects along the Los Angeles River and San Gabriel River to be prioritized equal to projects in disadvantaged communities, as defined by Section 39711 of the Health and Safety Code.

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 (Lara), as amended. Thank you for introducing this legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Robert Garcia", written over a blue horizontal line.

Mayor Robert Garcia  
City of Long Beach

cc: The Honorable Speaker Anthony Rendon  
The Honorable Janet Nguyen, State Senate, 34<sup>th</sup> District  
The Honorable Isadore Hall, III, State Senate, 35<sup>th</sup> District  
The Honorable Mike Gipson, State Assembly, 64<sup>th</sup> District  
The Honorable Patrick O'Donnell, State Assembly, 70<sup>th</sup> District

