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**SUBJECT: Mid County Parkway Project
Notice of Availability of a Recirculated Draft Environmental
Impact Report / Supplemental Environmental Impact
Statement**

Treasurer
Joseph J. Kuebler, CPA

Dear Ms. Bechtel:

**Director of The
Metropolitan Water
District of So. Calif.**
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Thank you for the opportunity to review the Notice of Availability (NOA) for the above referenced project. The project proposes to improve west-east transportation in western Riverside County, between the cities of Perris and San Jacinto. The project proposes to construct a new freeway, known as the Mid County Parkway (MCP), which will provide a direct and continuous route connecting Interstate 215 (I-215) on the west to State Route 79 (SR-79) on the east, a distance of approximately 16 miles. Eastern Municipal Water District (Eastern) offers the following comments.

**Board Secretary and
Assistant to the
General Manager**
Rosemarie V. Howard

Legal Counsel
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With a view to reduce impacts to Eastern's existing and future facilities, and rights-of-way, three project build alternatives and two design variations provided in chapter 2 of the Draft Environmental Impact Report/Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (DEIR/SEIS) were reviewed by District staff. Eastern supports Project Build "Alternative 5 Modified: South Perris (at Rider Street)" with Design Variation "San Jacinto North." This selection should result in fewer impacts on Eastern's facilities and rights-of way, in comparison with other build alternatives and design variations.

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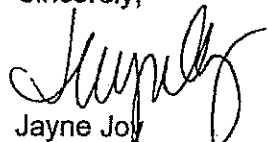
Eastern requests any future design studies and plans, further detailed plans or relocation plans for Eastern's facilities to be submitted to Eastern for our review and comments. Additionally, Eastern requires a formal Utility Notice with all the pertinent project information to be submitted early in the design process, to allow District staff to assess potential conflicts with existing facilities and/or proposed improvements. Once the initial communication has been established, both Agencies will work toward commonly agreed resolutions if conflicts are identified.

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Mid County Parkway Project DEIR/SEIS Comment
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Again, Eastern appreciates the opportunity to comment on this project. Please forward the Final Environmental Impact Report to the attention of Helen Stratton at the mailing address shown on page one. If you have questions concerning these comments, please feel free to contact Helen Stratton at 951 928-3777, Ext. 4545.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jayne Joy", written in a cursive style.

Jayne Joy
Director of Environmental and Regulatory Compliance

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