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Recommendation

Authorize the General Manager to support FY 26 State budget trailer bill language that aims to fund studies to inform future decisions relating to the Delta Conveyance Project and streamline project processes.

Executive Summary

The Delta Conveyance Project (DCP) is a water supply infrastructure project — under consideration by participating State Water Contractors including the Metropolitan Water District (MWD). The purpose of the project is to strengthen water supply and reliability for MWD member agencies, including Long Beach and communities in California.

Imported water accounts for approximately 30 percent of Long Beach's water supply needs. Although the Long Beach Public Utilities Department (LBPUD) and our partners are pursuing initiatives to significantly reduce local reliance on imported water, imported water remains essential to meeting our local water supply needs and to strengthen water supply reliability and resiliency.

Like MWD and its member agencies, Long Beach's sources of imported water are threatened by climate change and aging infrastructure, and both have contributed to extreme supply variability from the State Water Project (SWP) in recent years. The central hub of the SWP is the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. Aging water supply infrastructure in this region is particularly vulnerable to sea level rise and earthquakes. Built in the 1960's, the SWP was not designed to capture water amid increasingly common extreme weather fluctuations.

The DCP would mitigate threats to SWP imported water by creating redundancies into the SWP system. The DCP, as currently proposed, consists of two new intakes on the Sacramento River in the North Delta, a single underground tunnel about 45 miles long, and a new pumping facility south of the Delta. The new pipeline ultimately connects to the SWP, which supplies water to 27 million people and 750,000 acres of farmland.

In December 2024, MWD's Board of Directors approved \$142 million to fund its share of final DCP planning and pre-construction costs. The FY 26 State budget trailer bill currently under consideration by the State Legislature would fund the State portion of costs, support completion of this planning effort, and allow MWD's Board to make an informed

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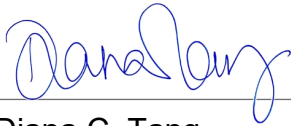
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decision about long-term investment in the DCP. The budget trailer bill would also streamline various project processes.

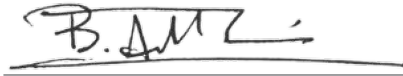
Authorizing the General Manager to support trailer bill language for the DCP will bolster efforts to complete project studies and move MWD closer to a final decision on construction, which would protect Long Beach's imported water supplies that are needed for future water supply reliability.

Fiscal Impact:

There is no fiscal impact to the Long Beach Public Utilities Department. The State FY 2025-26 trailer bill will be funded through State revenues.



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