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March 17, 2017

The Honorable David Valadao
1728 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Valadao:

The Municipal Water District of Orange County (MWDOC) is pleased to support your measure, H.R. 23 - "*Gaining Responsibility on Water Act of 2017*" or *GROW Act*. We applaud your efforts to seek an achievable, long term federal solution to our statewide drought.

We recognize the difficulties in crafting such legislation and balancing the needs of the various stakeholders throughout California as well as other western states who have suffered devastating consequences as a result of the current drought.

The Municipal Water District of Orange County (MWDOC), a water agency serving the needs of more than two million residents and 28 retail water agencies, voted unanimously to support your legislation and to assist with its passage.

On behalf of MWDOC Board of Directors, we are pleased to support H.R. 23 and sincerely thank you for your efforts to address the ongoing drought in California. Working together towards the goals outlined in H.R. 23 will enact policies that expand our state's water infrastructure and allow for additional conveyance when it's needed most.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact either Jim Barker at (202) 413-2986 our advocate in Washington, or MWDOC General Manager, Rob Hunter at (714) 593-5026.

Sincerely,

Wayne S. Osborne
Board President

cc: Orange County Congressional Delegation